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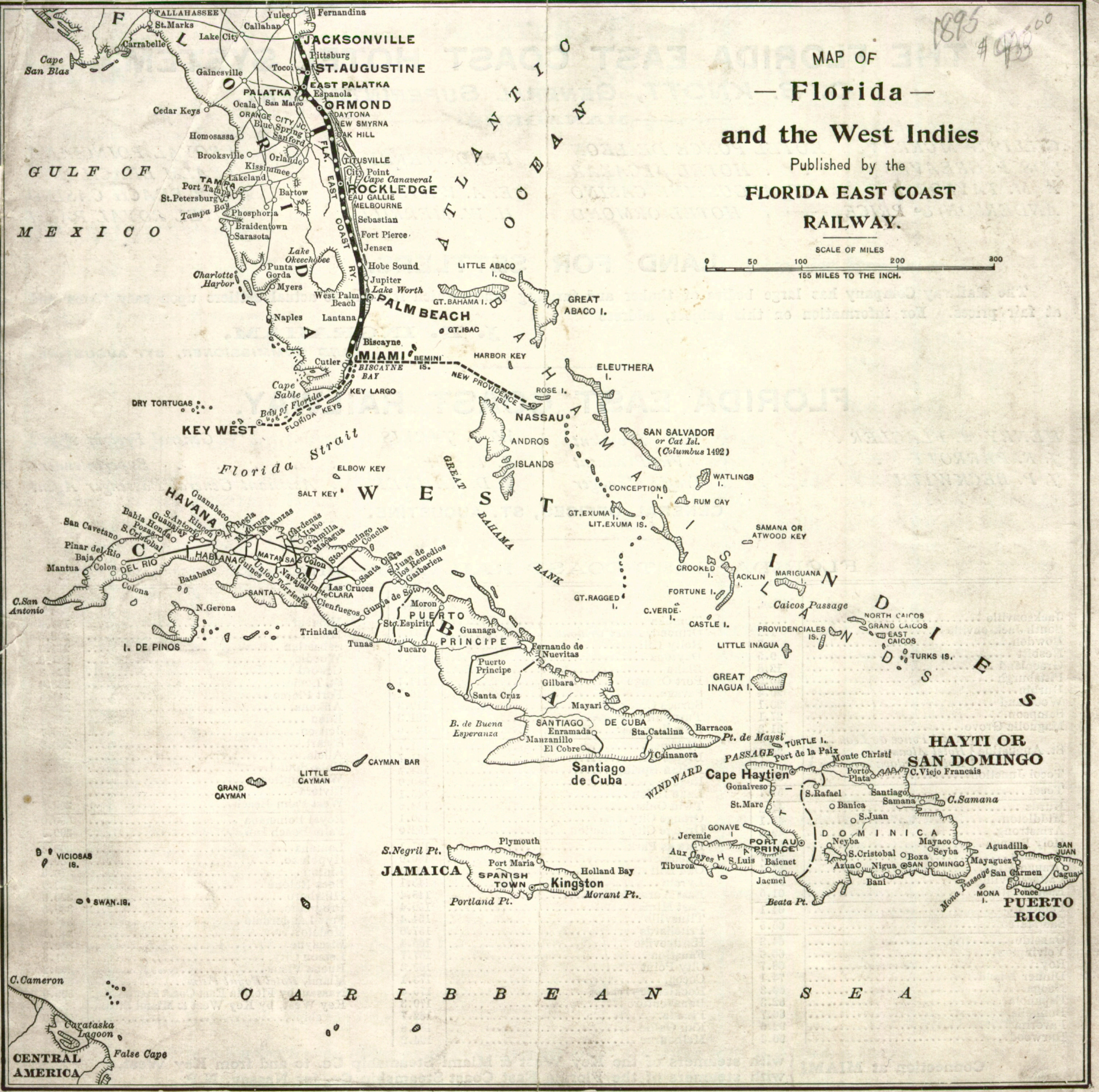

MAP OF
— **Florida** —
and the West Indies
Published by the
FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY.

SCALE OF MILES
0 50 100 200 300
155 MILES TO THE INCH.

FLORIDA
Tallahassee
St. Marks
Carrabelle
Cape San Blas
Yulee
Fernandina
Callahan
Lake City
JACKSONVILLE
Pittsburg
Tocoi
ST. AUGUSTINE
Gainesville
PALATKA
EAST PALATKA
Espanola
Ocala
San Mateo
ORMOND
Daytona
Orange City Jc.
Blue Spring
New Smyrna
Oak Hill
Cedar Keys
Homosassa
Sanford
Brooksville
Orlando
Titusville
Kissimmee
City Point
Cape Canaveral
Lakeland
Tampa
Port Tampa
St. Petersburg
Tampa Bay
Bartow
ROCKLEDGE
Eau Gallie
Melbourne
Phosphoria
Braidentown
Sarasota
Sebastian
Fort Pierce
Jensen
FLA. EAST COAST RY.
GULF OF MEXICO
Lake Okeechobee
Hobe Sound
Punta Gorda
Charlotte Harbor
Myers
Jupiter
Lake Worth
West Palm Beach
PALM BEACH
Naples
Lantana
Biscayne
Cutler
MIAMI
Biscayne Bay
Cape Sable
Key Largo
Bay of Florida
Florida Keys
Dry Tortugas
KEY WEST
ATLANTIC OCEAN
Little Abaco I.
Gt. Bahama I.
Great Abaco I.
Gt. Isac
Bemini Is.
Harbor Key
Eleuthera I.
New Providence Isl.
Rose I.
Nassau
Andros Islands
San Salvador or Cat Isl. (Columbus 1492)
Watlings I.
Conception I.
Rum Cay
Gt. Exuma I.
Lit. Exuma Is.
BAHAMA ISLANDS
Great Bahama Bank
Florida Strait
Elbow Key
Salt Key
WEST INDIES
Samana or Atwood Key
Crooked I.
Acklin
Mariguana
Fortune I.
Gt. Ragged I.
C. Verde I.
Castle I.
Caicos Passage
North Caicos
Grand Caicos
East Caicos
Providenciales Is.
Turks Is.
Little Inagua
Great Inagua I.
CUBA
Havana
Guanabacoa
Regla
S. Antonio
Rincon
Guanajay
Bahia Honda
Pozas
S. Cristobal
San Cayetano
Pinar del Rio
Baja
Mantua
Colon
Del Rio
Colona
C. San Antonio
Matanzas
Cardenas
Jovellanos
Itabo
Palmilla
Macagua
Habana
Guines
Union
Batabano
Matanzas
Colon
Navajas
Sto. Domingo
Concha
Santa Clara
Cumbre
Torriente
Cienfuegos
Las Cruces
S. Juan de los Remedios
Caibarien
Gumia de Soto
Santa Clara
N. Gerona
I. de Pinos
Trinidad
Sto. Espiritu
Moron
Puerto Principe
Tunas
Jucaro
Guanaja
Fernando de Nuevitas
Puerto Principe
Santa Cruz
Gibara
Mayari
B. de Buena Esperanza
Santiago de Cuba
Enramada
Manzanillo
El Cobre
Sta. Catalina
Barracoa
Pt. de Maysi
Cainanora
Santiago de Cuba
Turtle I.
Windward Passage
Cayman Bar
Little Cayman
Grand Cayman
HAYTI OR SAN DOMINGO
Port de la Paix
Monte Christi
Cape Haytien
Porto Plata
C. Viejo Francais
Gonaiveso
S. Rafael
Santiago
Samana
C. Samana
St. Marc
Banica
S. Juan
Gonave I.
Jeremie
Port au Prince
HAYTI
DOMINICA
Aux Cayes
Tiburon
S. Luis
Baienet
Jacmel
Neyba
S. Cristobal
Azua
Nigua
Bani
Boxa
San Domingo
Mayaco
Seyba
Beata Pt.
Mona Passage
Mona I.
Aguadilla
San Juan
Mayaguez
San Carmen
Cagua
Ponce
PUERTO RICO
JAMAICA
S. Negril Pt.
Plymouth
Port Maria
Spanish Town
Kingston
Holland Bay
Morant Pt.
Portland Pt.
Viciosas Is.
Swan Is.
C. Cameron
Carataska Lagoon
False Cape
CENTRAL AMERICA
CARIBBEAN SEA

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THE FLORIDA EAST COAST HOTEL SYSTEM,

C. B. KNOTT, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

MANAGERS:

GILLIS & MURRAY	*HOTEL PONCE DE LEON*
JOS. P. GREAVES	*HOTEL ALCAZAR*
A. M. TAYLOR	*ST. AUGUSTINE CASINO*
ANDERSON & PRICE	*HOTEL ORMOND*
FRED STERRY	*ROYAL POINCIANA* *PALM BEACH INN*
E. A. WATSON	*PALM BEACH CASINO*
H. W. MERRILL	*HOTEL ROYAL PALM*

LAND FOR SETTLERS.

The Railway Company has large bodies of timber and farming lands which it offers to actual settlers upon easy terms and at fair prices. For information on this subject, address

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R. T. GOFF	*Superintendent*
J. D. RAHNER	*Assistant General Passenger Agent*

GENERAL OFFICES, ST. AUGUSTINE.

FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY—MILEAGE.

	Miles.
Jacksonville	.....
South Jacksonville	1.2
Bowden	4.7
Nesbitt	9.5
Greenland	12.8
Pittsburgh	15.9
Durbin	20.4
Woodland	23.1
Sampson	27.1
Magnolia Grove	31.3
St. Augustine { *Hotel Ponce de Leon* *Hotel Alcazar* *Hotel Cordova* }	36.4
Tocoi Junction	39.7
Tocoi	51.7
Hurds	44.2
Middleton	47.1
Armstrong	49.0
Holy Branch	51.1
Hastings	53.7
Orange Mills	57.4
Pattersonville	58.5
East Palatka	61.5
Palatka	64.1
San Mateo	65.5
Oakside	64.3
Yelvington	66.6
Roy	68.7
Dinner Island	74.1
Neoga	80.3
Espanola	82.3
Bunnells	86.7
Favorita	92.6
Harwood	96.3
Tomoka	101.4
Ormond, *Hotel Ormond*	104.7
Holly Hill	107.0
Daytona	109.7
Blake	112.5
Port Orange	114.7
Savage	116.1
Spruce Creek	119.3
Turnbull Bay	121.3
New Smyrna	124.6
Glencoe	127.7
Briggsville	131.7
Indian Spring	134.4
Rogers	140.0
Lake Helen	145.1
Twin Oaks	148.6
Orange City	150.1
Orange City Junction	152.0
Hawks Park	127.1
Hucomer	130.9
Oak Hill	136.4
Lyrata	143.1
East Aurantia	145.4
East Mims	150.4
Titusville	154.4
Pritchards	157.6
Hardeeville	165.4
Faustina	167.7
City Point	169.3
Cocoa	173.1
Rockledge	175.4
Bonaventure	179.3
Pineda	182.7
Eau Gallie	189.8
Melbourne	194.2
Malabar	199.9
Micco	208.6
Sebastian	214.5
Woodley	221.8
Gifford	225.3
St. Lucie	238.6
Fort Pierce	241.5
Ankona	249.0
Eden	254.4
Jensen	256.7
Stuart	260.6
Alicia	266.6
Hobe Sound	276.6
West Jupiter	282.8
Riviera	295.3
West Palm Beach	299.5
Royal Poinciana	300.0
Palm Beach Inn	300.4
Lantana	308.4
Hypoluxo	309.4
Linton	316.8
Boca Ratone	323.9
Hillsboro	326.9
Progresso	339.5
Fort Lauderdale	341.0
Modelo	345.1
Biscayne	358.3
Lemon City	361.8
Buena Vista	363.2
Miami, *Hotel Royal Palm*	366.0
Nassau, by Florida East Coast Steamship	509.0
Key West, by Key West & Miami Steamship	521.0

Connection at MIAMI { with steamers of the Key West & Miami Steamship Co. to and from Key West.
with steamers of the Florida East Coast Steamship Co. for Nassau, N.P.

late 1895 #

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA.

FLORIDA ∴ ∴ ∴

Discovered April 3, 1512, by Juan Ponce de Leon, a Spaniard. Transferred to England in 1763. Receded to Spain in 1783. Sold to the United States in 1821.

ST. AUGUSTINE ∴ ∴ ∴

The Seloy of the Indians, the St. Augustin of the Spaniards, the St. Augustine of the English, and now during January, February and March, yearly, the centre of American Social Life, was permanently settled September 8, 1565, by Don Pedro Menendez de Aviles.

Points of Interest and Attractions ∴

The Spanish-Moresque Palaces: **Hotel Ponce de Leon, Hotel Alcazar, Hotel Cordova.** The Casino, with its Russian and Turkish Baths, its immense Swimming Pool, Ball Room, Entertainment Halls and Theatre, Bowling Alleys, Billiard Rooms, Lawn Tennis Courts, Bicycle Riding Academy. The Artists' Studios — Friday Evening Receptions. The Old Spanish Fort, begun in 1565 as San Juan de Pinos by the first negro slaves brought to America, finished as Fort San Marco in 1756, and changed to Fort Marion 1825. The Sea Wall begun in 1690, finished in 1843. The Old Cathedral built in 1791–3; partially burned and rebuilt 1887. City Gates. Plaza, containing the Confederate Monument, the Old Slave Market, and the only monument extant commemorating the New Spanish Constitution of 1812. Old Portion of City — Narrow Streets and Overhanging Balconies. St. Francis Barracks, formerly a Monastery, now occupied by the First Artillery, U.S.A. — Dress Parades — Guard Mounts — Concerts by the Military Band. Oldest House — St. Francis Street, opposite Barracks. Post-Office building, formerly residence of Spanish Governor. St. Augustine Golf Club — Season December 1st to May 1st.

Winter Cottages ∴ ∴ ∴

The Ponce de Leon Cottages, beautifully located and of different sizes, for rent for the winter season: October to May or June.

Stores ∴ ∴ ∴

For rent in the Alcazar and Cordova by the year or for the season.

Drives and Bicycle Roads ∴ ∴ ∴

About the City.
Garnett's Orange Grove.
Magnolia Grove.
Moultrie Road.
Pine Barrens.
New Cemetery.
Four Mile Swamp.
Palatka Road.
Hansom's Swamp and Sugar Mill Ruins.
Ruins of old Spanish Light House.
New U. S. Light House.
Coquina Quarries.
Around the Horn.
Hildreth's Orange Grove.
Jessamine Swamp.
Moultrie and Grape Vineyards.
Race Track.
Picolata Road.
Ponce de Leon Spring.
Buena Esparanza.
To St. Anastatia Island over the new bridge.
Great South Beach, Bathing, Hard and Smooth for Bicycle Riding and Driving.

Old Cemeteries ∴ ∴ ∴

Near City Gates.
Near St. Francis Barracks.
On Cordova Street.

Churches ∴ ∴ ∴

Memorial, Presbyterian.
Grace, Methodist.
Baptist.
Cathedral, Catholic.
Trinity, Episcopal.

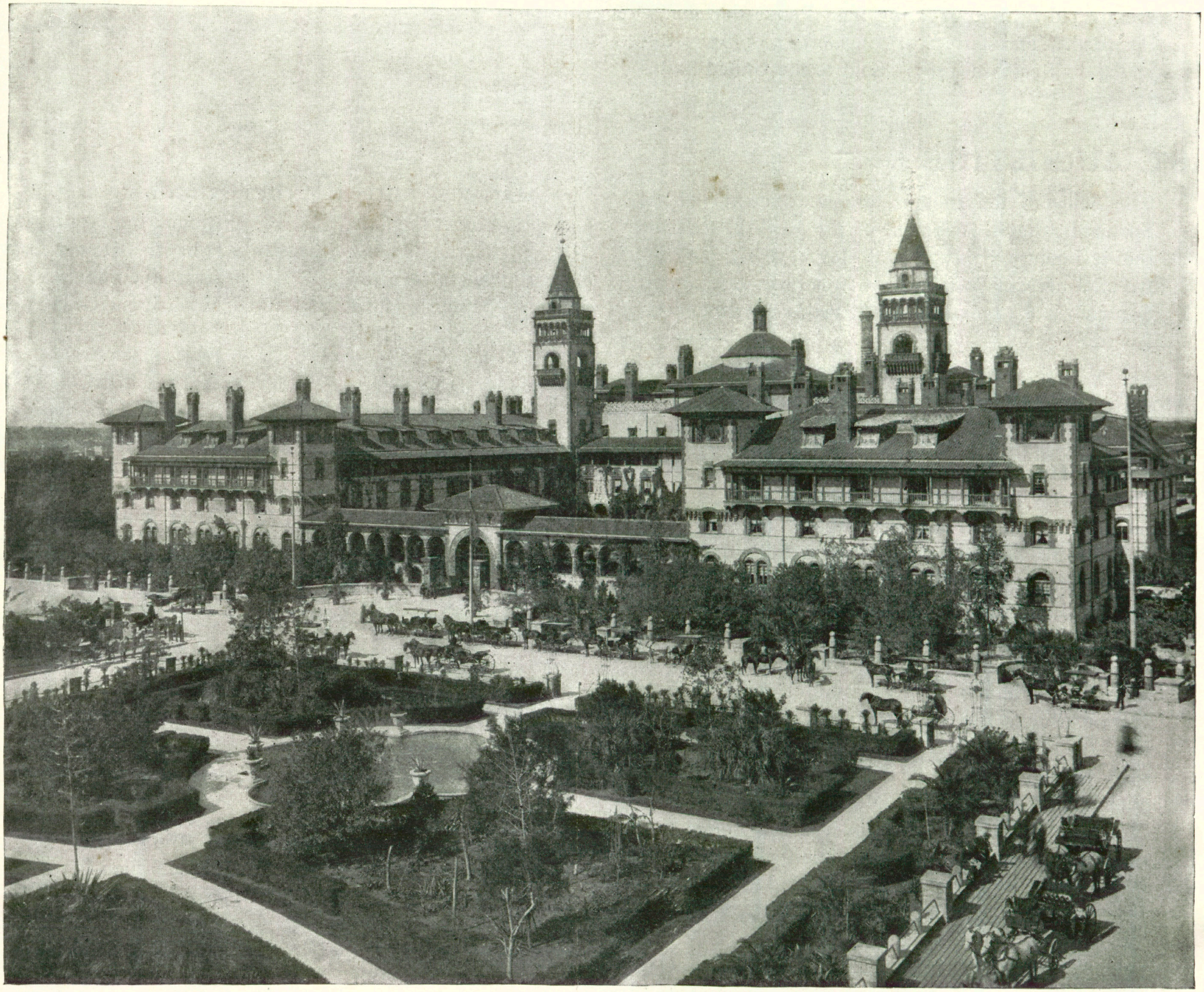
Sails (BOATS ALONG SEA WALL NEAR PLAZA) ∴

Matanzas River.
North River.
Along North Beach (outside).
Fort Matanzas.
Yacht Race Course.
St. Sebastian River.
North Beach.
Light House.
Bird Island and Bar.
Matanzas Inlet.
Moultrie.

Hotel Physicians ∴ ∴ ∴

Dr. Frank Fremont-Smith.
Dr. Andrew Anderson.

Bicycle Renting Rooms, Riding Academy and Instructors, in connection with St. Augustine Casino.

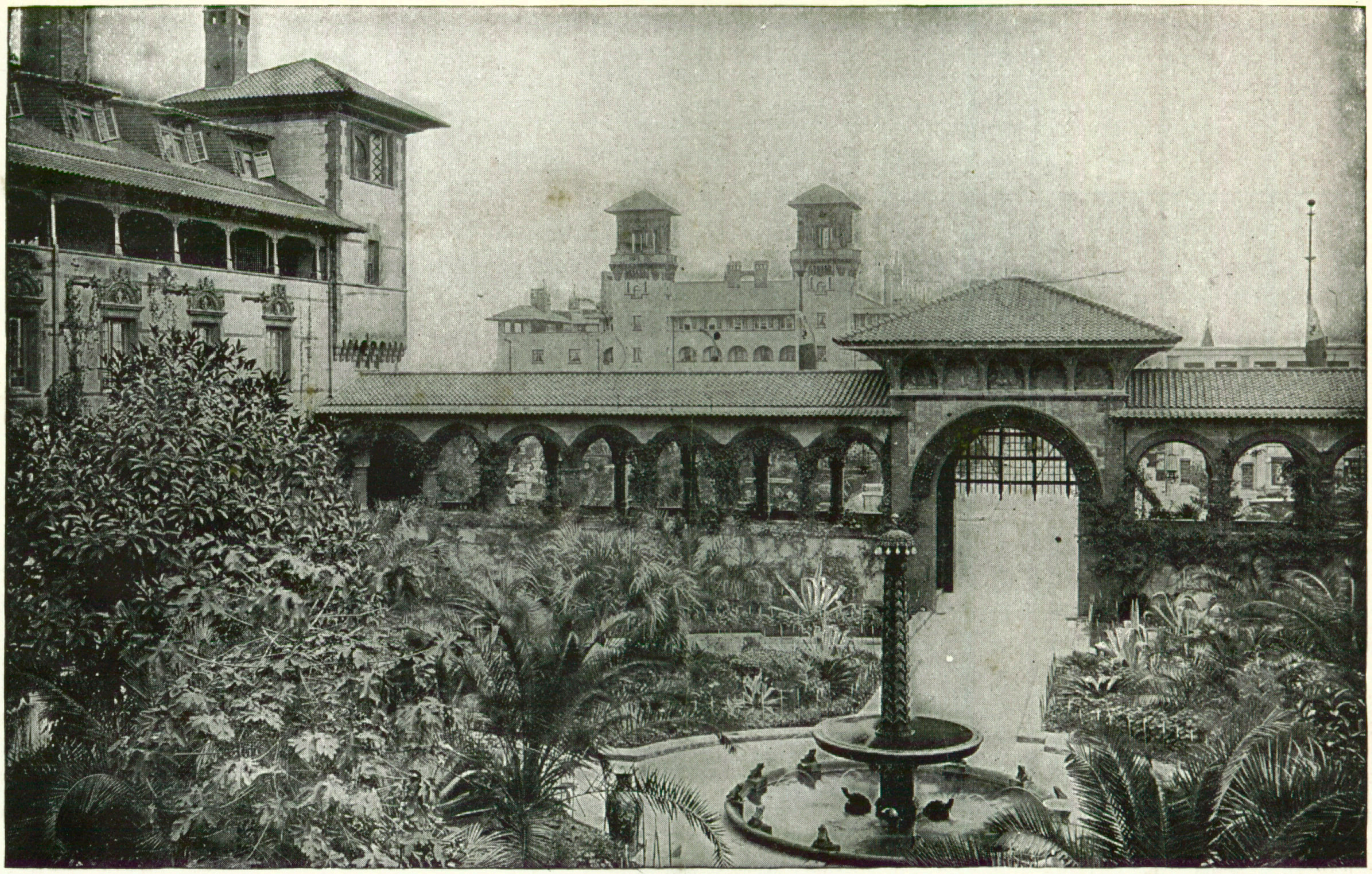


HOTEL PONCE DE LEON,

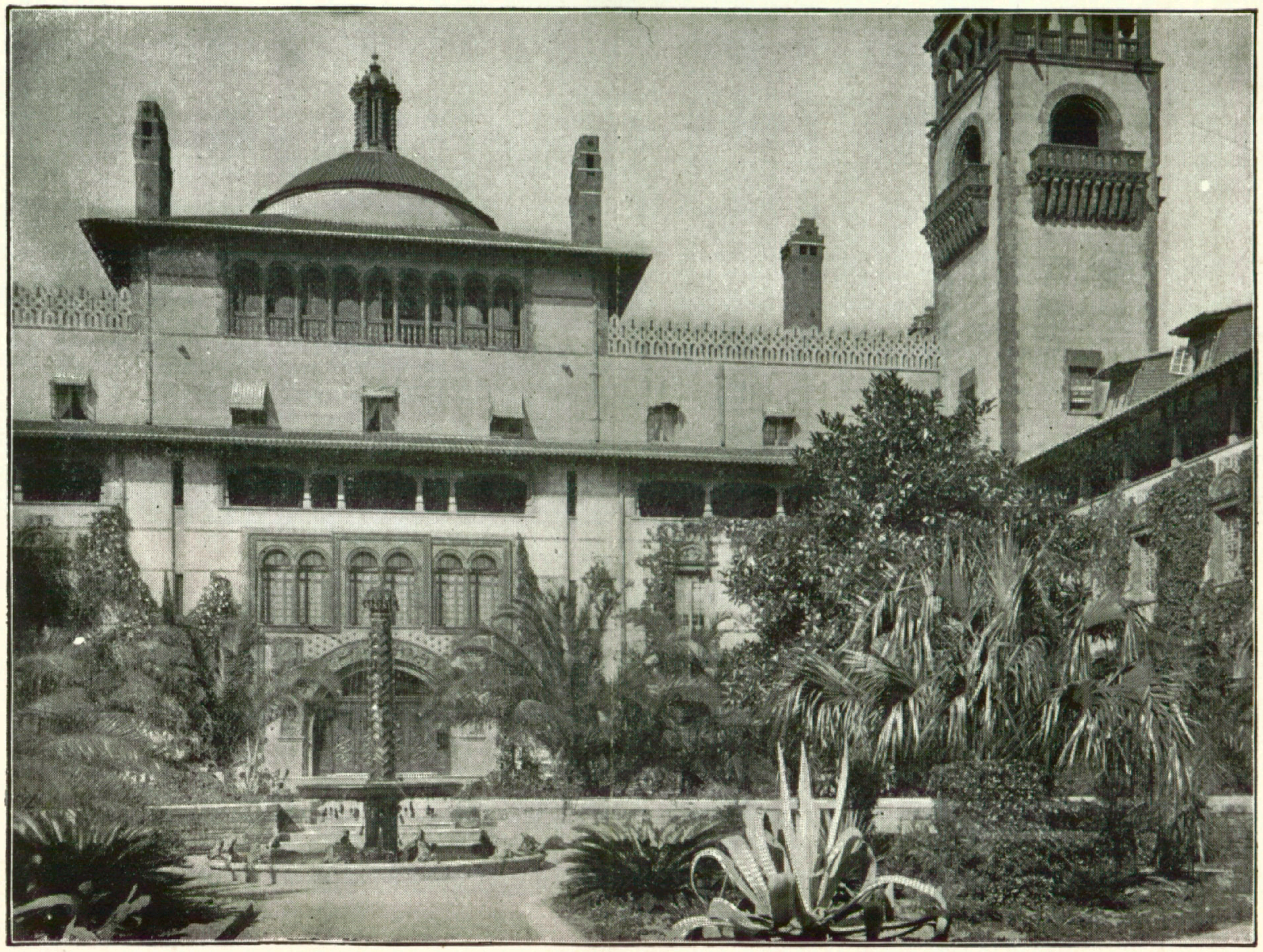
GILLIS & MURRAY, Managers,

Open January to April.

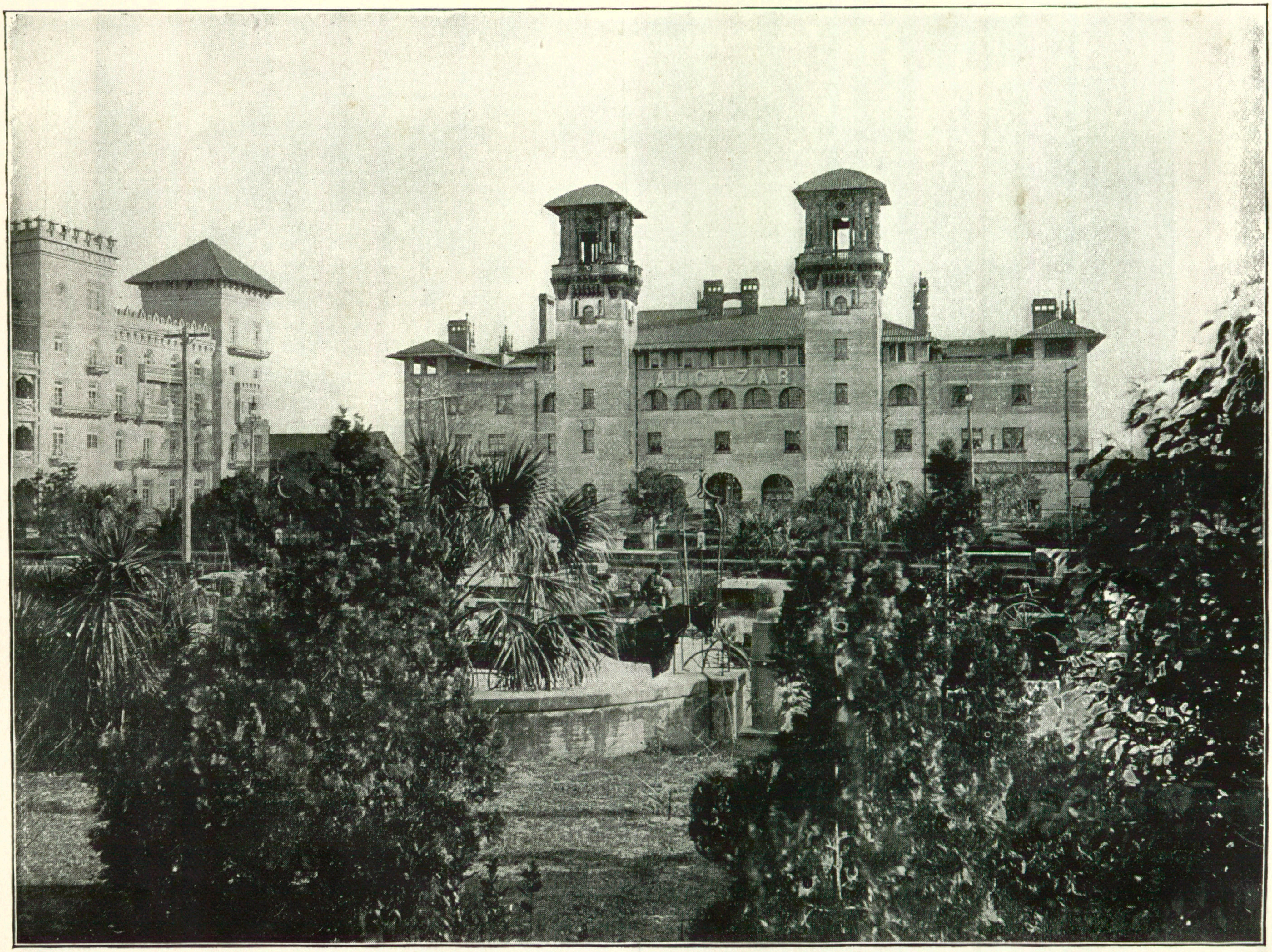
ST. AUGUSTINE.



Court, Hotel Ponce de Leon.



Main Entrance and Court, Hotel Ponce de Leon.

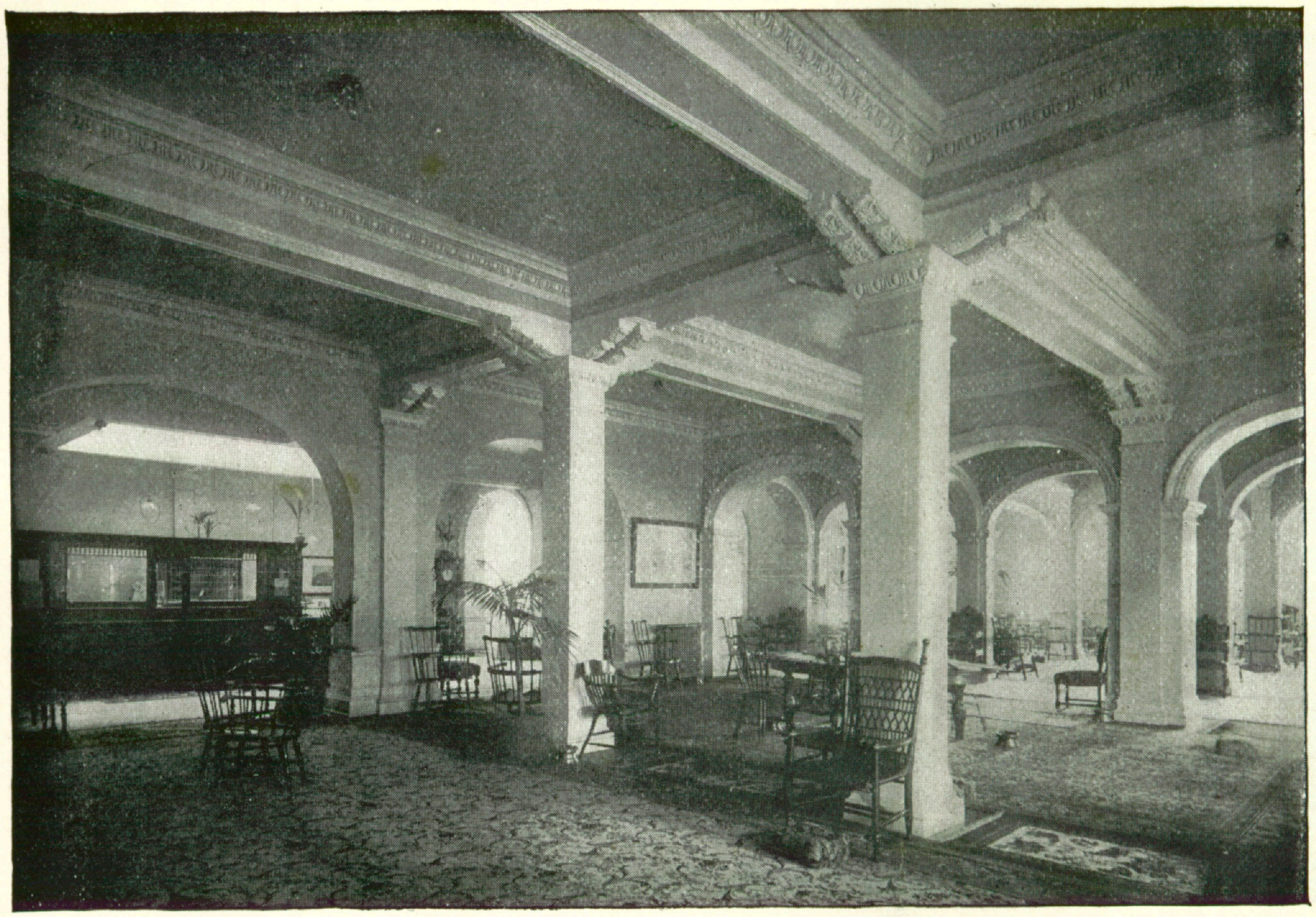


HOTEL ALCAZAR,

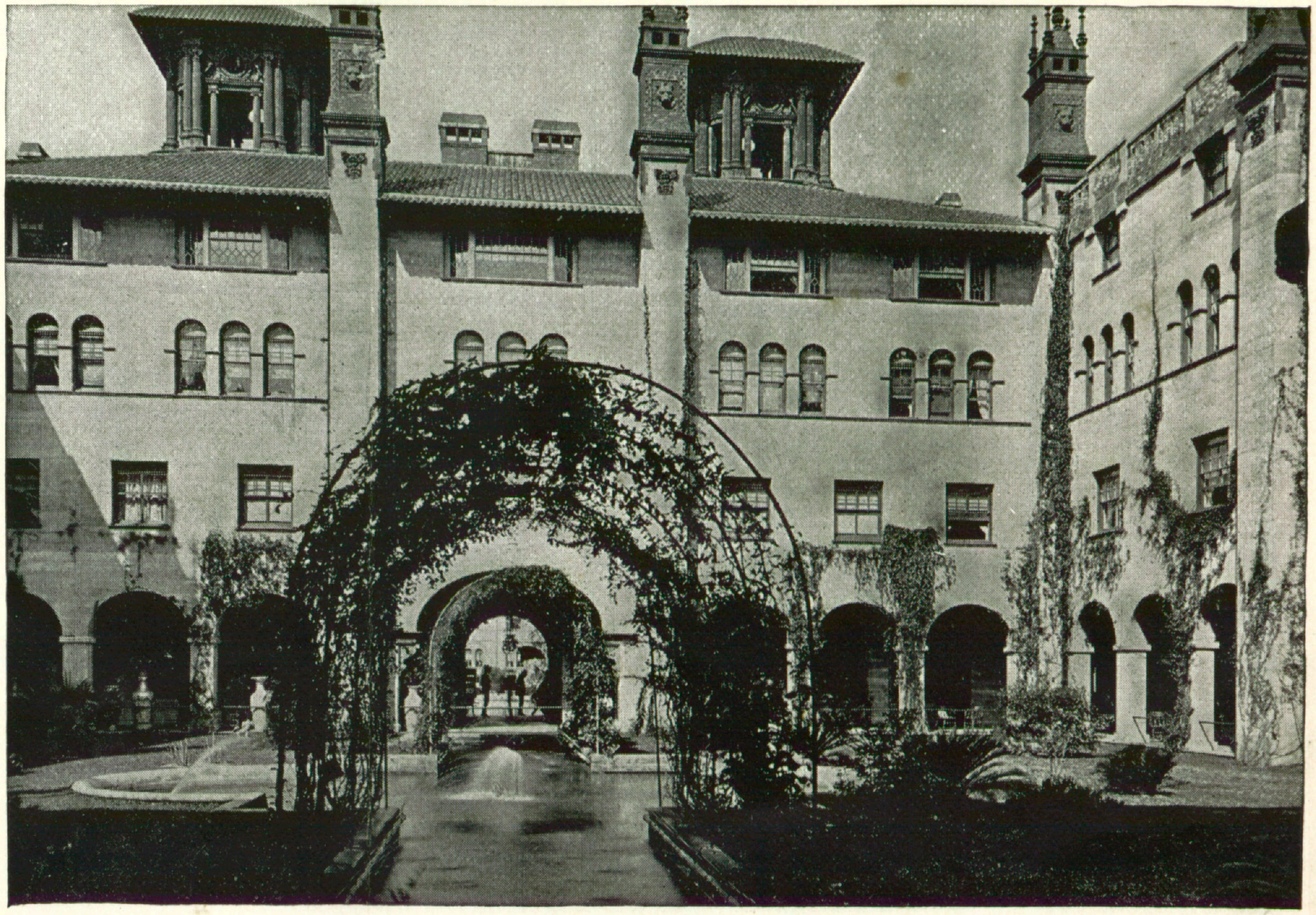
JOS. P. GREAVES, Manager,

ST. AUGUSTINE.

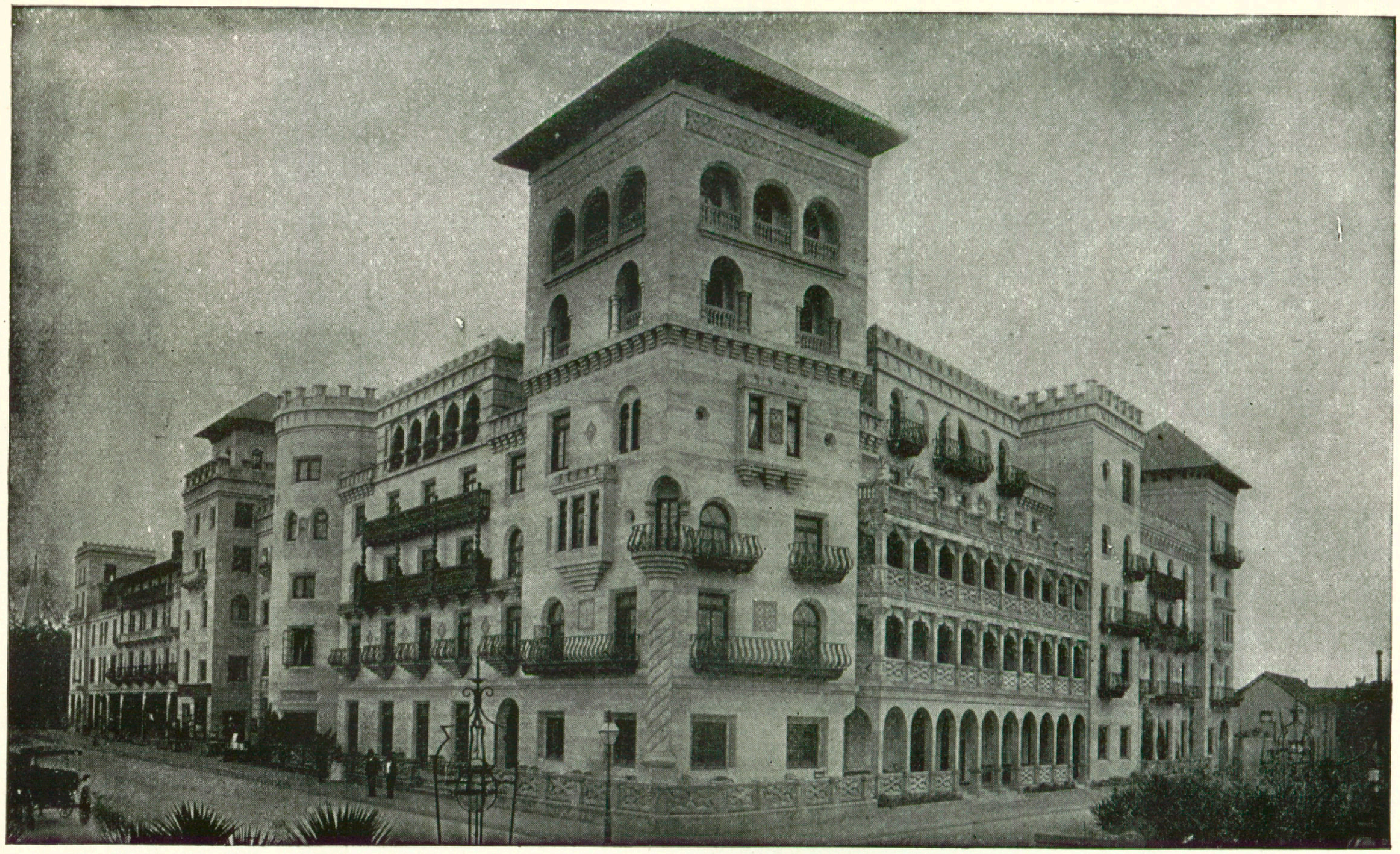
Open November first to May first.



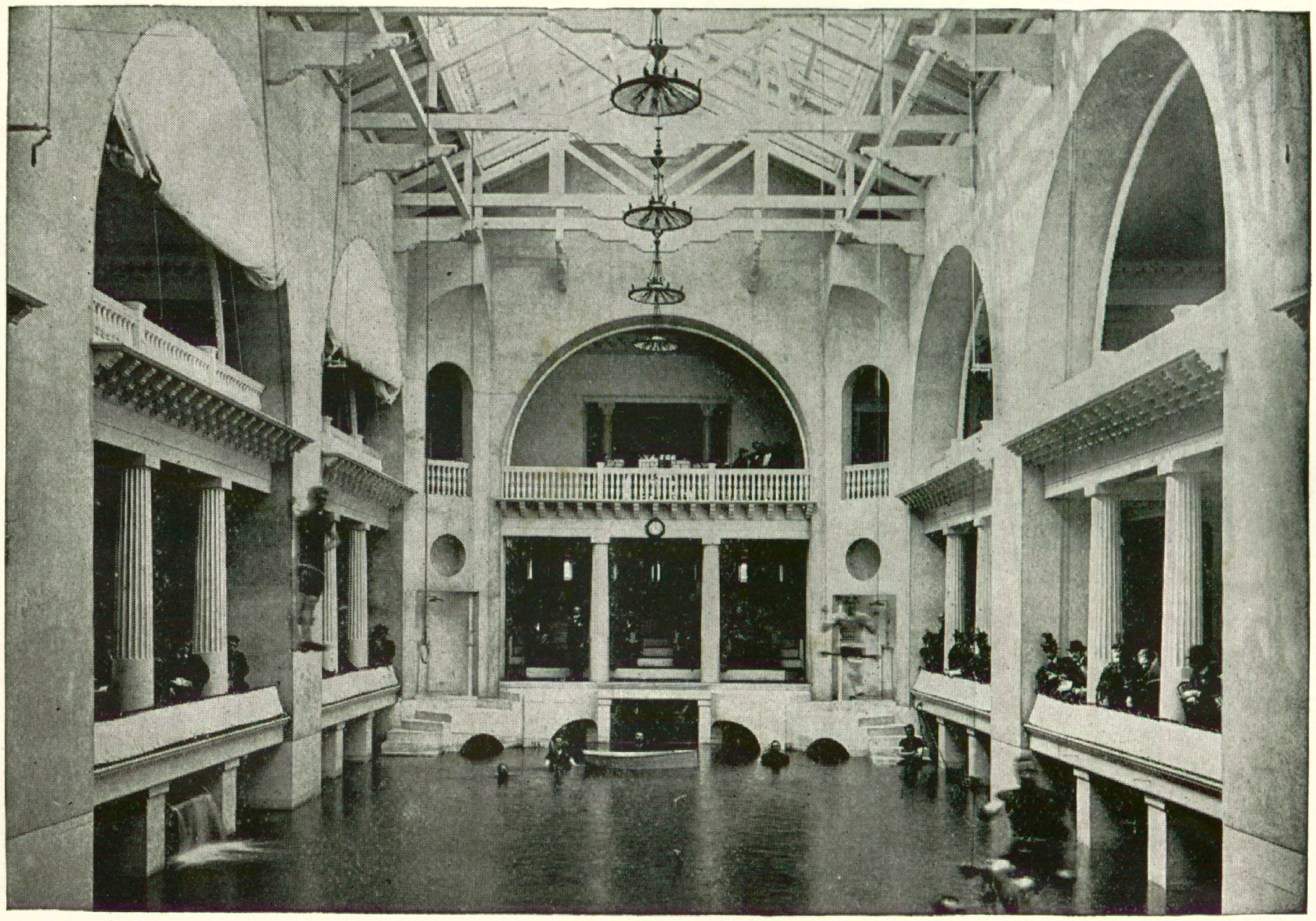
Office and Salon, Hotel Alcazar.



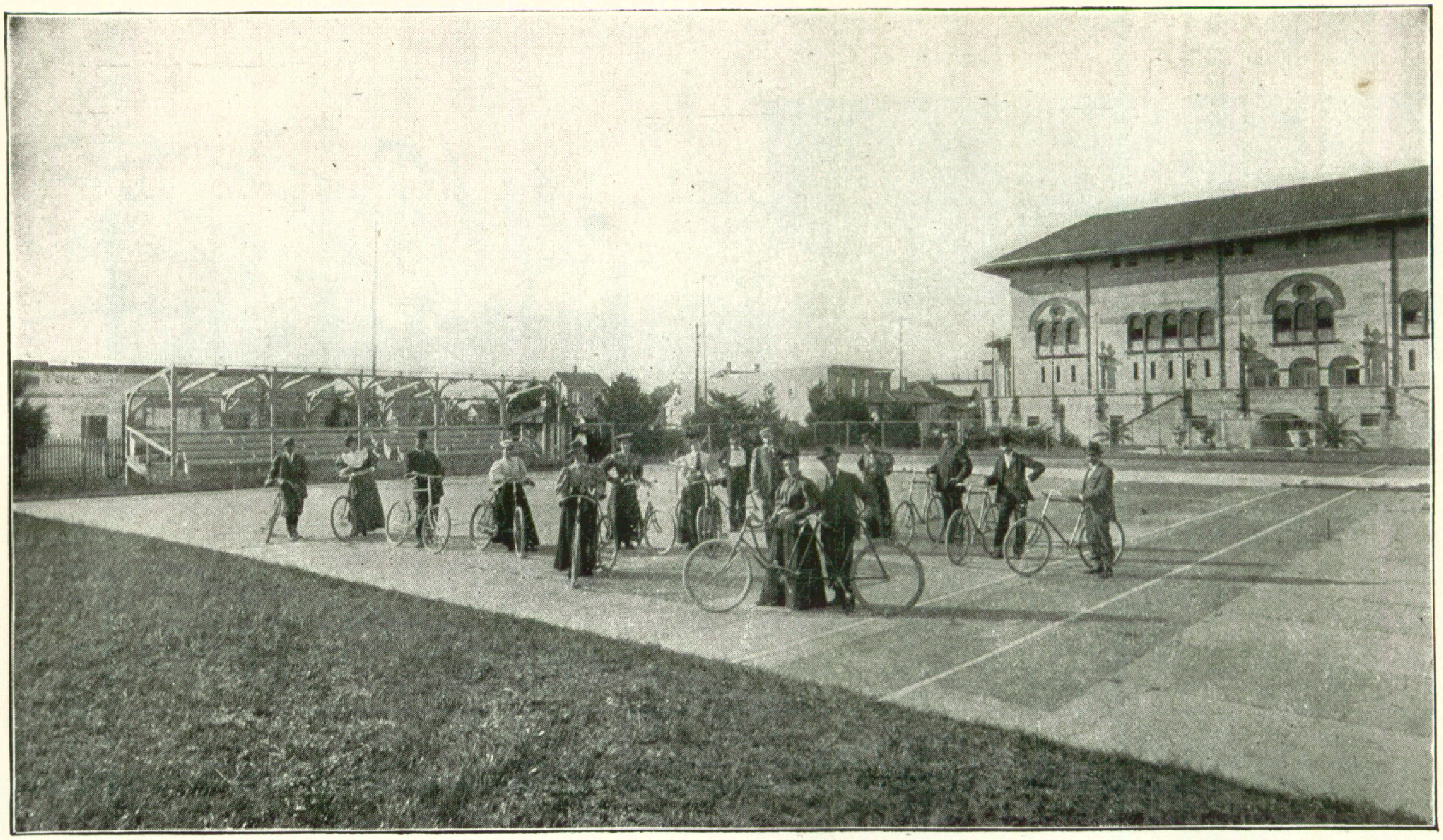
Court, The Alcazar.



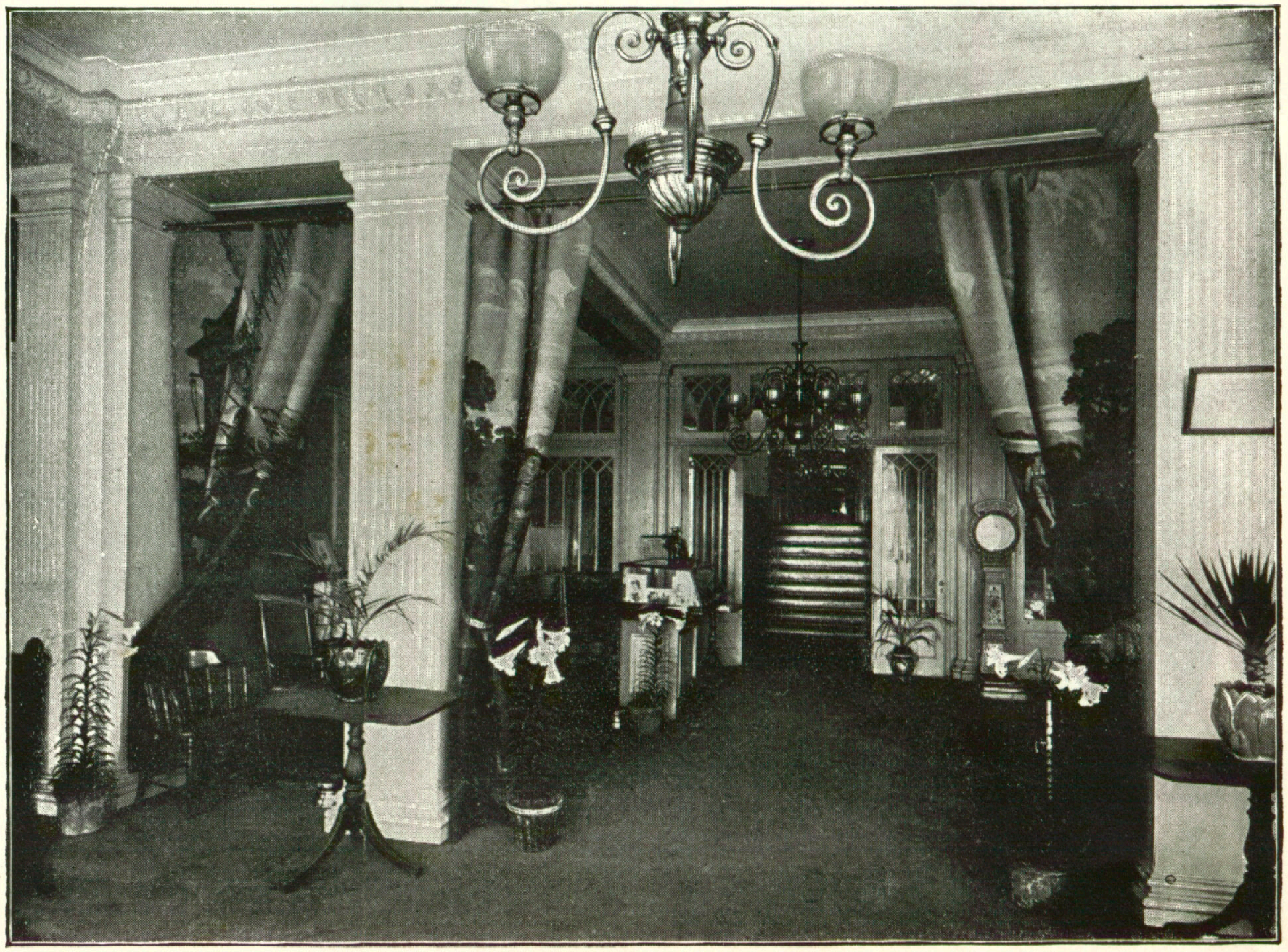
HOTEL CORDOVA, St. Augustine. Rooms only. Open during February and March.



St. Augustine Casino, Swimming Pool, also Dance and Entertainment Hall, Theatre, Russian and Turkish Baths, Tennis, Bowling, Bicycles.



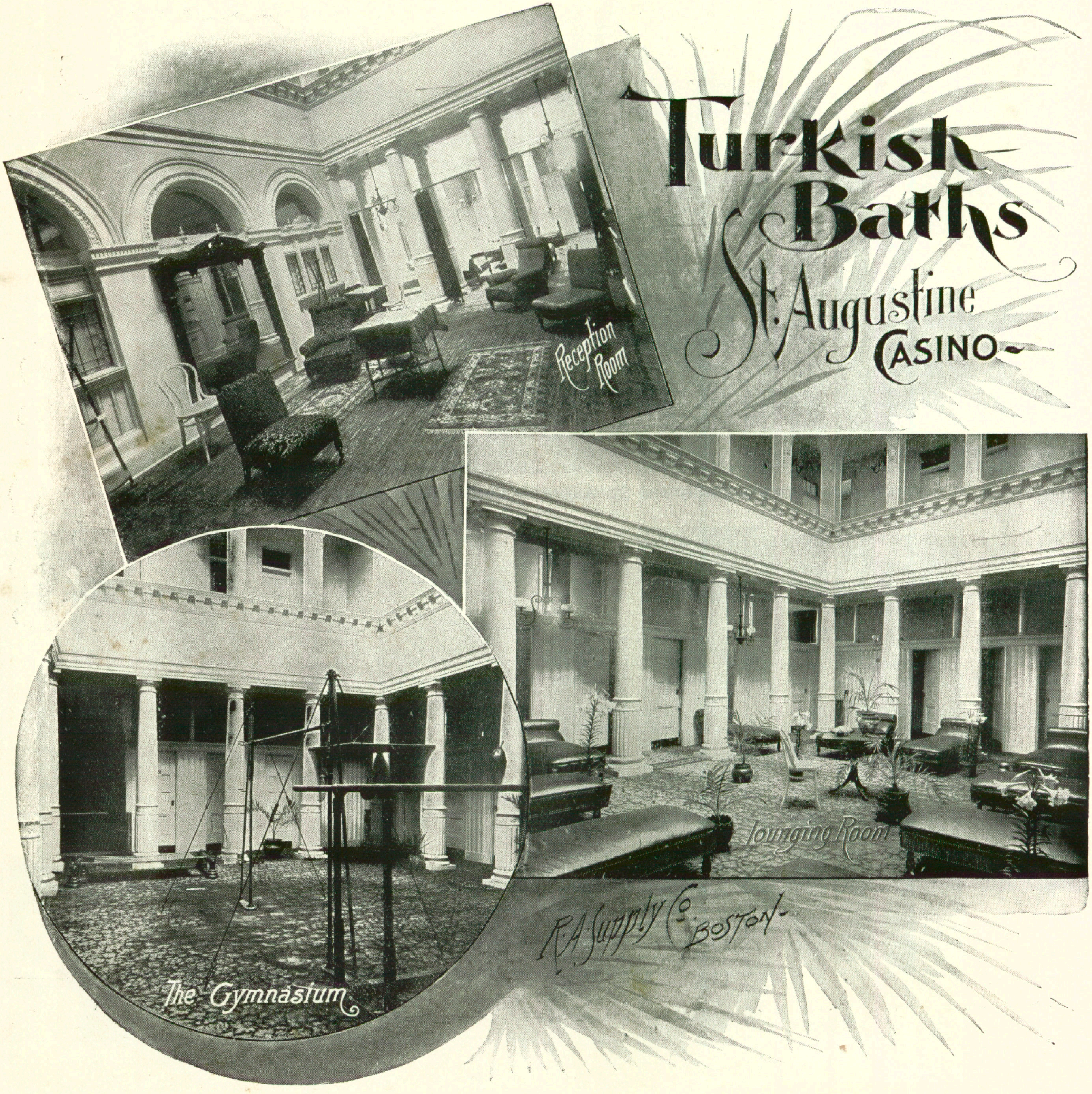
Bicycle Riding Academy and St. Augustine Casino Tennis Court.



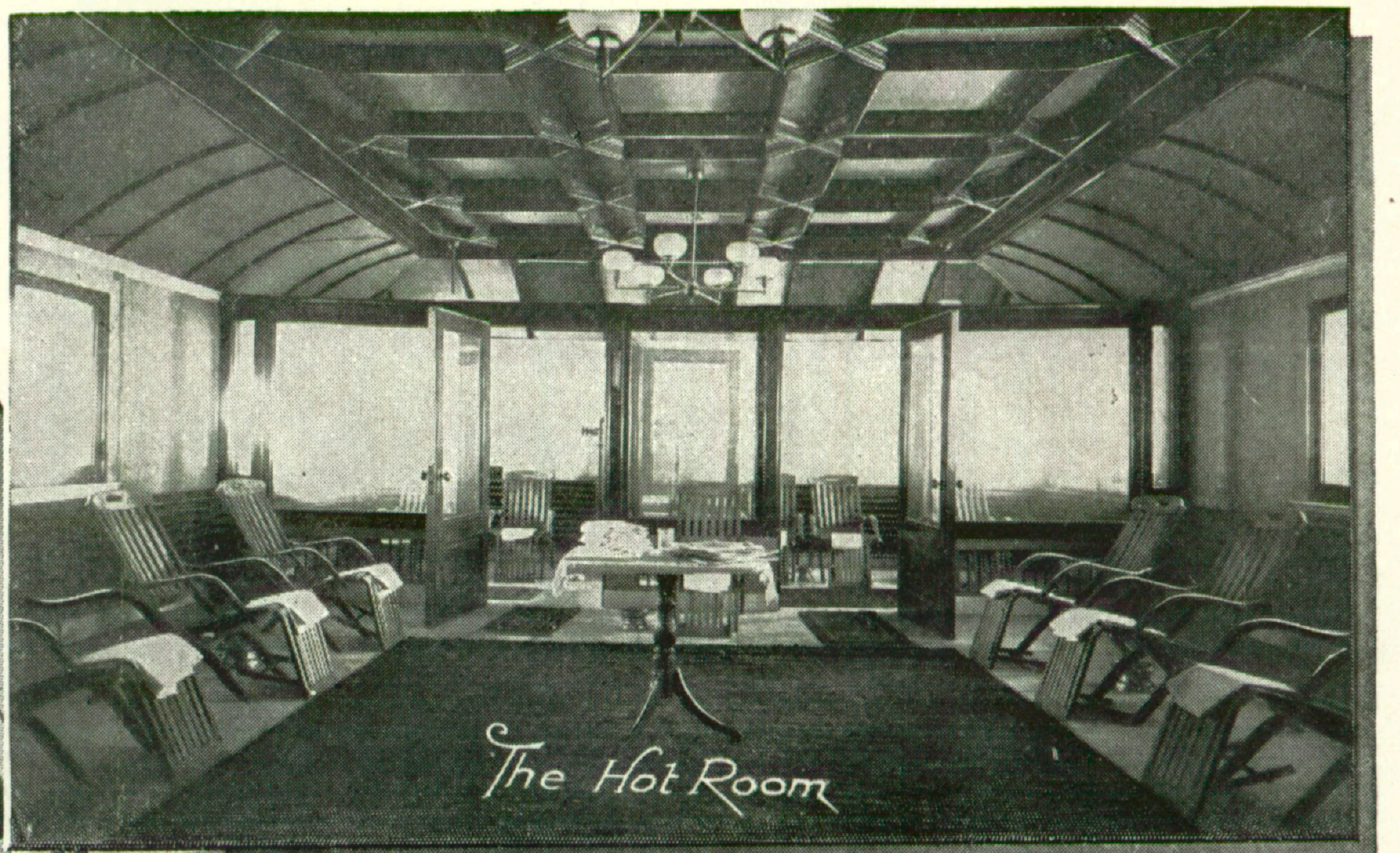
Main Entrance, St. Augustine Casino.

Turkish Baths

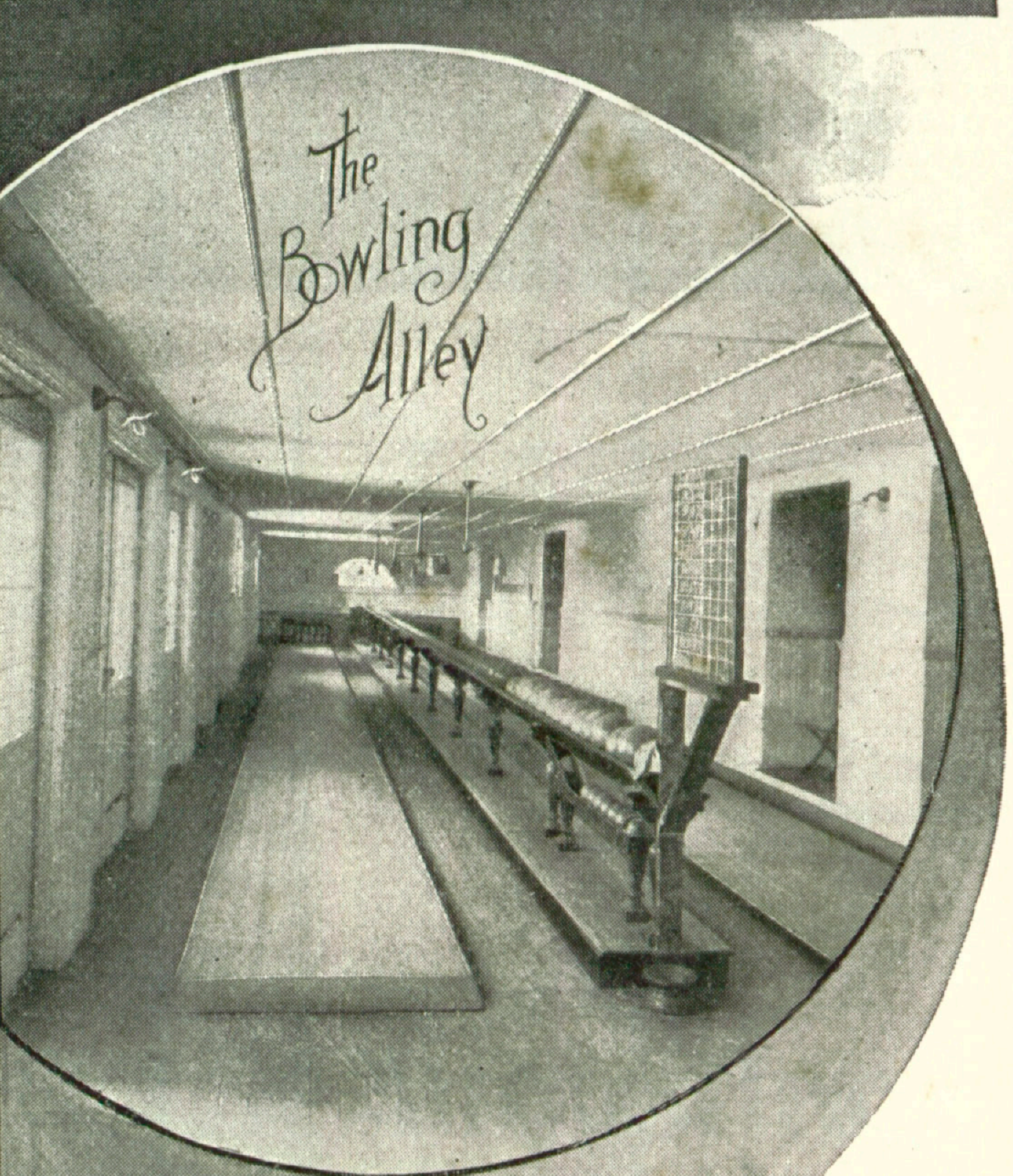
St. Augustine Casino

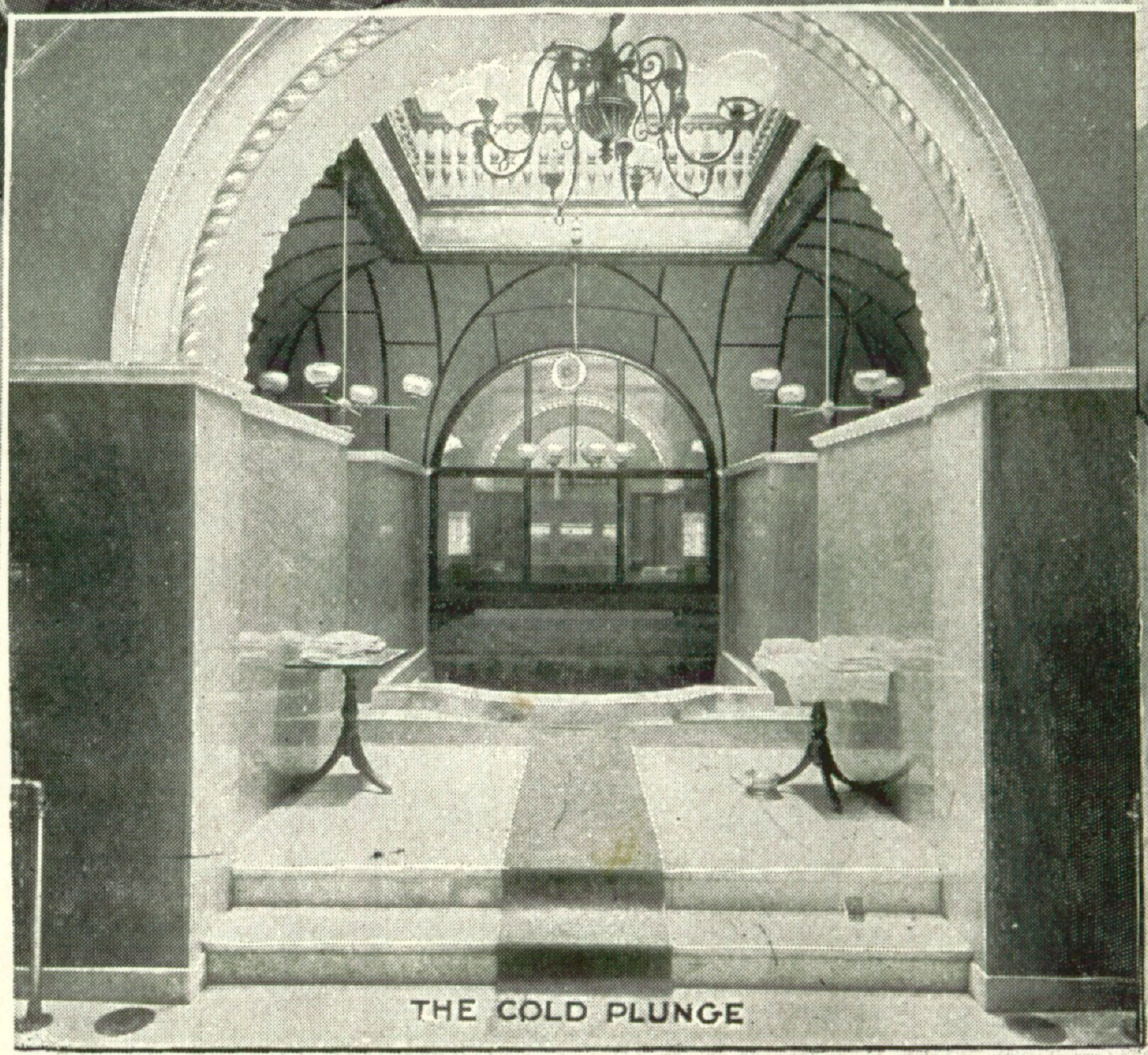

Reception Room
Lounging Room
The Gymnasium
R. A. Supply Co. Boston

Turkish Baths — St. Augustine CASINO.


The Hot Room

The Massage Room.


The Bowling Alley

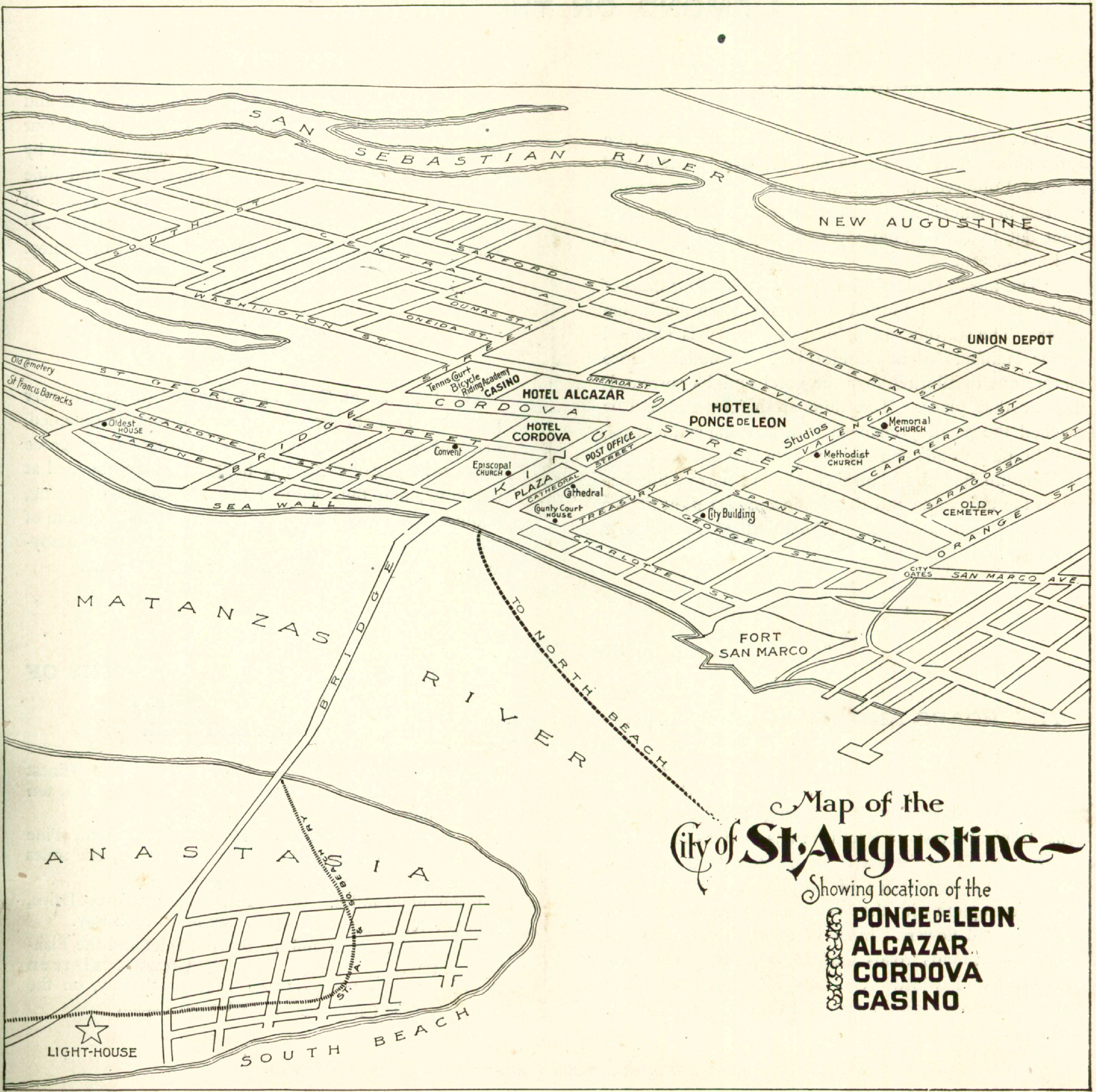

THE COLD PLUNGE

R. A. Supply Co. BOSTON

Oceola Taken Oct

Jno. Masters, still a familiar figure in St. Augustine, and who was one of the captors of Oceola, standing on the spot where that famous Seminole chief was taken October 21st, 1837.

South Beach, St. Anastatia Island, reached by bridge across the Matanzas River.



Map of the City of St. Augustine
Showing location of the
PONCE DE LEON
ALCAZAR
CORDOVA
CASINO

SAN SEBASTIAN RIVER
NEW AUGUSTINE
UNION DEPOT
SOUTH ST.
CENTRAL AVE
SANFORD ST.
WASHINGTON ST.
DUMAS ST.
ONEIDA ST.
MALAGA ST.
RIBERA ST.
SEVILLA ST.
VALENCIA ST.
CARRERA ST.
SARAGOSSA ST.
ORANGE ST.
Tennis Court
Bicycle
Riding Academy
CASINO
HOTEL ALCAZAR
GRENADA ST.
CORDOVA STREET
HOTEL CORDOVA
HOTEL PONCE DE LEON
Studios
Memorial CHURCH
Methodist CHURCH
Old Cemetery
St Francis Barracks
ST GEORGE
Oldest HOUSE
CHARLOTTE
MARINE
BRIDGE STREET
BAY ST.
SEA WALL
Convent
Episcopal CHURCH
KING ST.
POST OFFICE
CATHEDRAL STREET
PLAZA
Cathedral
County Court HOUSE
TREASURY ST
ST GEORGE ST
SPANISH ST.
City Building
CHARLOTTE ST
OLD CEMETERY
CITY GATES
SAN MARCO AVE.
FORT SAN MARCO
MATANZAS RIVER
BRIDGE
TO NORTH BEACH
ANASTASIA
ST. A. & SO. BEACH RY
LIGHT-HOUSE
SOUTH BEACH

ORMOND ON THE HALIFAX.

POINTS OF INTEREST AND ATTRACTIONS.

"Yet when I went to another resort, and saw a green and white country hotel in a shady grove beside a cool river, and observed the men and women in the refreshing undress of flannels and soft hats, I confess that my heart went out to the old, old joy of country rest and quiet and unconcern.

"The most extended vibration of the restless mass of winter travellers in Florida is up and down the Indian River. The starting point for this journey is Ormond on the Halifax, and in all Florida I saw nothing more picturesque or alluring than the hotel and its surroundings at that place. Ten minutes before Ormond is reached the scenery changes with startling suddenness, and the piny woods end and the palmetto groves begin, as if nature had drawn an invisible and narrow line between the temperate and the tropic zones at right angles across the railroad track."—*Julian Ralph, in Harper's Magazine.*

THE ROADS AND BICYCLE PATHS.

There are long drives and short drives; drives of two or twenty miles on the smooth, hard sea beach; drives through the golden groves of orange; drives through dense tropical forests to Spanish ruins; drives to ancient causeways built by the slaves of planters long ago, and drives to the plantations of hospitable settlers whose places are replete with the beauty and interest of Southern fruits and flowers. Most of these drives are upon smooth, hard roads, roads that are a pleasure to wheel over. Ormond is justly celebrated for its drives. Early and late in the season the Ormond livery makes reduced rates for driving.

THE TOMOKA.

The Tomoka Cabin is the rendezvous for fishing and picnic parties, and is reached by a lovely drive of four miles through the "Hammock" and pine woods, or by a sail in the launch, six miles up the Halifax and nine miles up the Tomoka. The Tomoka Trip is one of Florida's most interesting attractions, and has the advantage of consuming very little of either time or money.

WINTER COTTAGES.

Cottage life at Ormond is destined to become very popular. Pleasant sites along the river front are obtained, many of them with a piece of old bearing orange grove attached, a pretty cottage is built, meals are obtained at the hotel, and thus, without the care of housekeeping, families can have the room and comfort and freedom of their own house, and enjoy without restraint or annoyance the pleasures of their Southern winter home.

THE DRIVES AND BICYCLE PATHS OF ORMOND, WHICH ARE ITS SPECIAL FEATURE.

Around the Square, Halifax River and Ocean Beach, five miles.

The Hammock Drive to Old Chimneys, five miles.

The Hammock and Glen-Ellen, eight miles.

Number Nine, River Road and Beach, seven miles each way.

Daytona, by the River and Beach, seven miles each way.

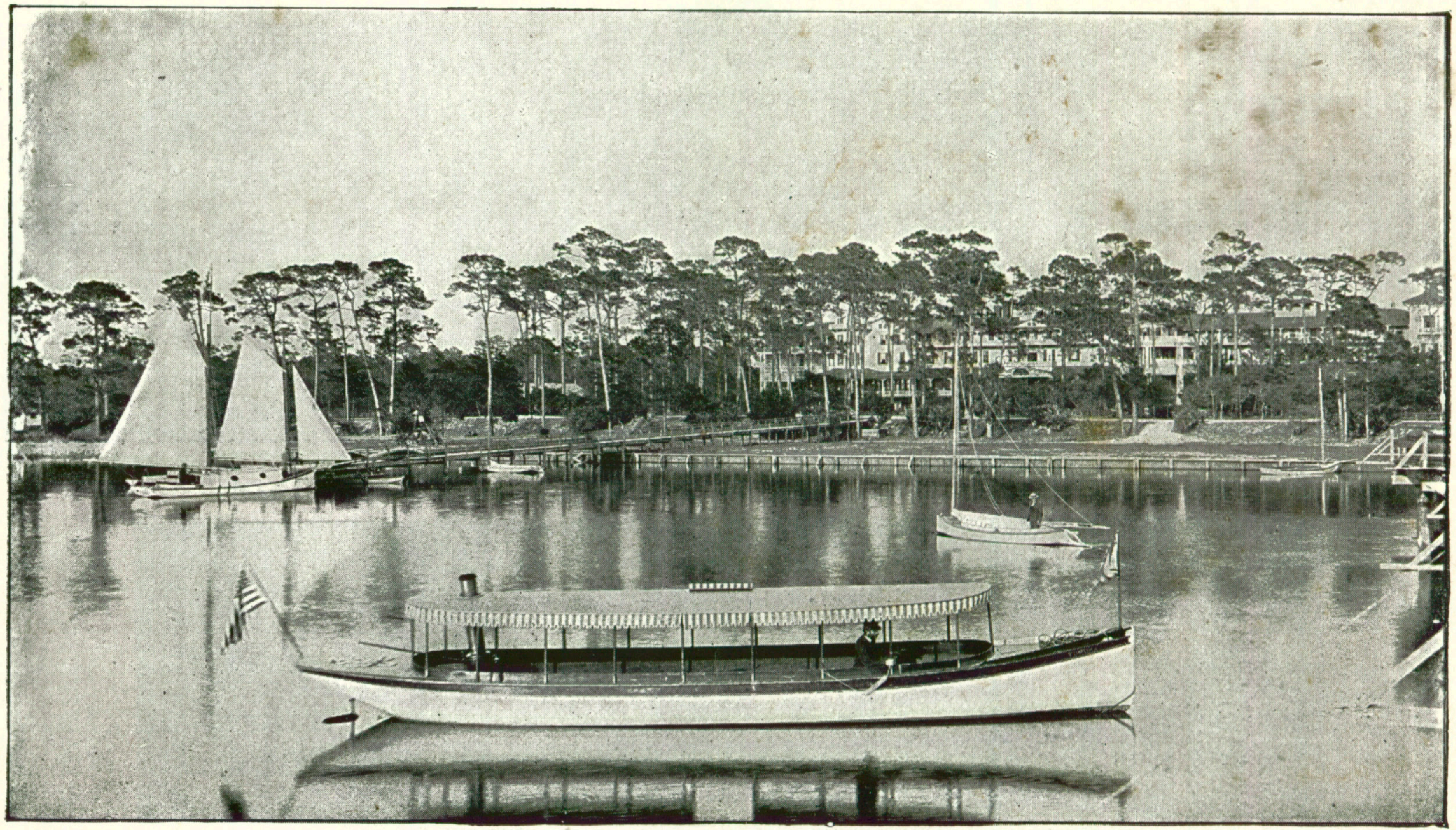
Causeway Drive (finest drive in the South), ten miles.

Tomoka Settlement, Pine Woods Drive, six miles each way.

Mt. Oswald, a Forest Drive, six miles each way.

Smyrna Inlet and the Fishing Grounds, sixteen miles each way, on the Ocean Beach.

BICYCLE RENTING ROOMS, RIDING ACADEMY AND INSTRUCTORS.

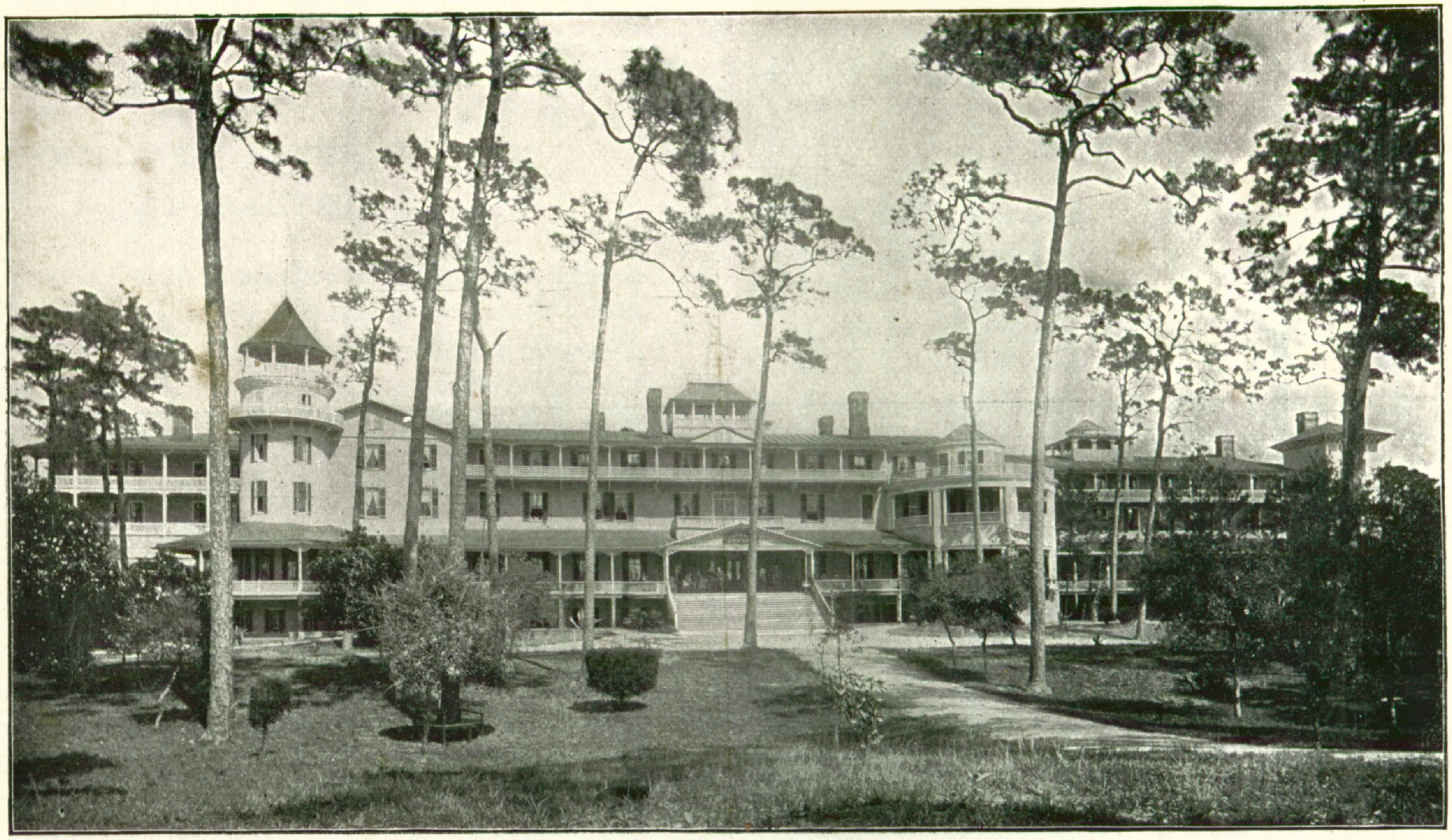


HOTEL ORMOND,

Open January 11 to April.

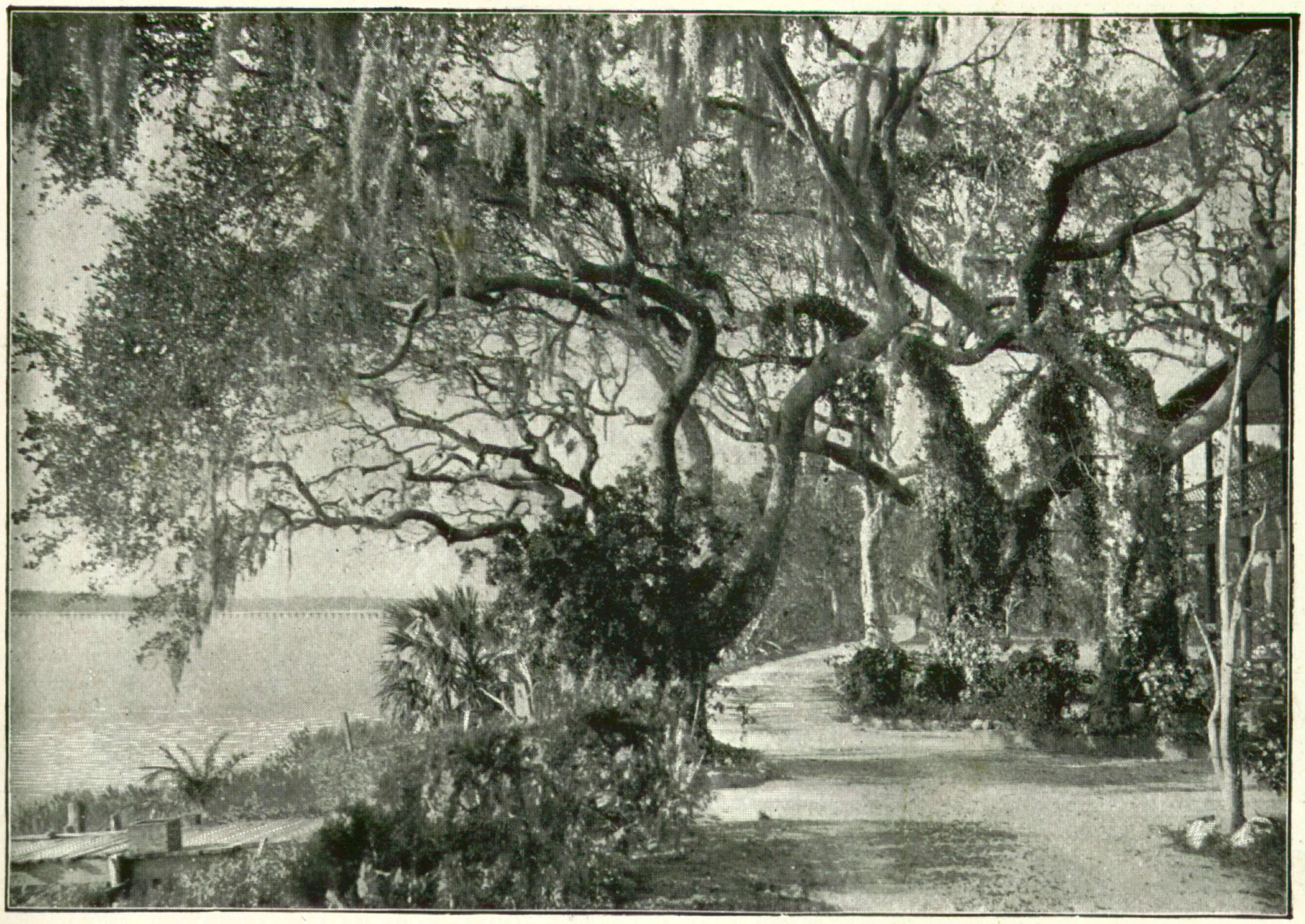
The Hotel from Ormond Bridge.
The Fishermen's Promenade.

ANDERSON & PRICE, Managers,
ORMOND.

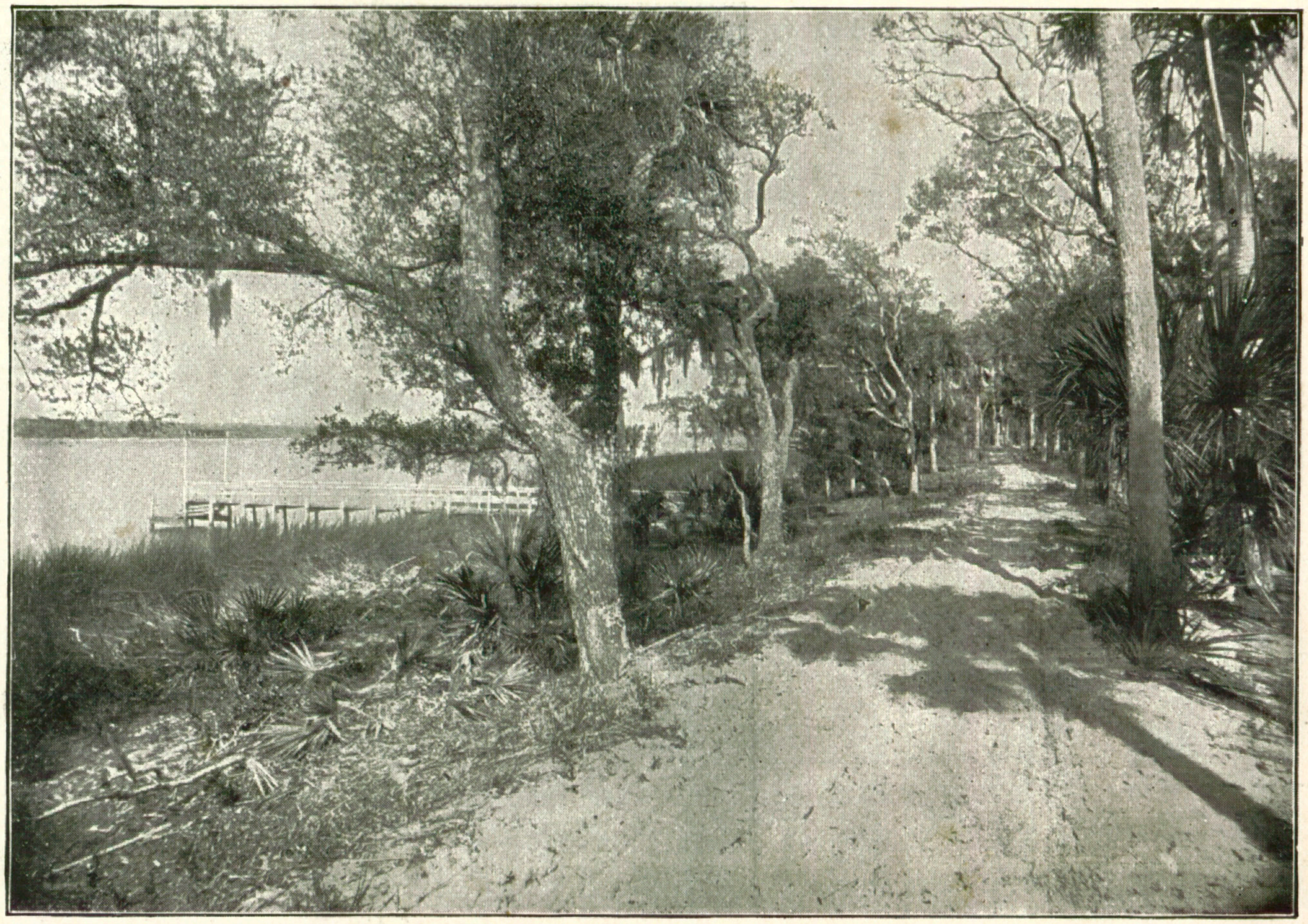


Hotel Ormond, Approach.

The River Drive, Ormond.



The Bostrom Walk, from Ormond Hotel.

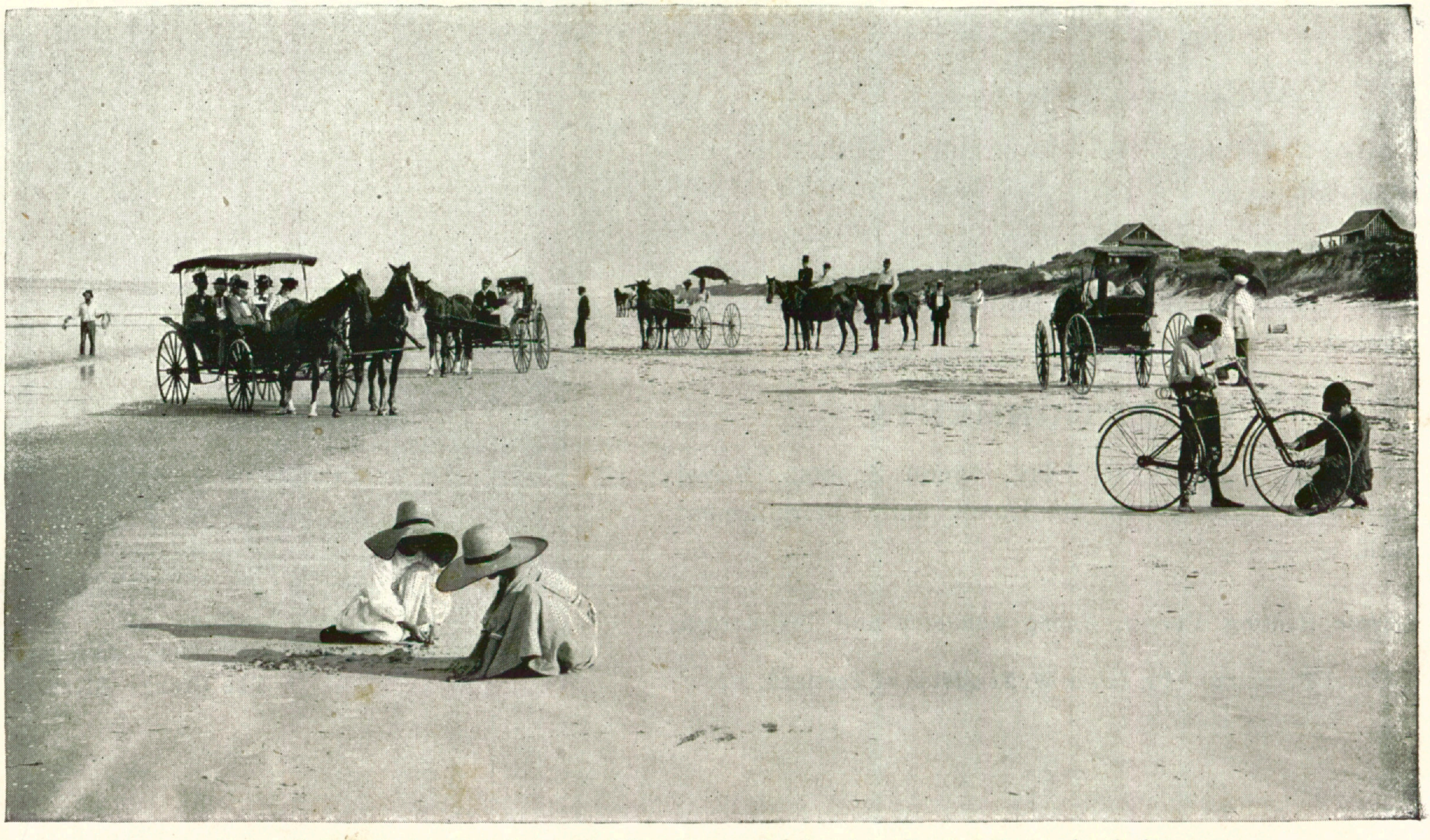


The River Drive, Ormond.

The Tomoka River, from Tomoka Cabin, near Ormond.

One of the Hammock Drives and Bicycle Roads, Ormond.

The Ormond Run of the Bicycle Club.



Ormond Beach for Driving and Bicycling. As hard and smooth as Asphalt.

LAKE WORTH AND PALM BEACH.

SAILS.

On Lake Worth, North and South. Pitts Island. To the Inlet. To Lantana. Down the Canal. On the Ocean, from the Beach. On the Ocean, from the Lake through the Inlet.

FISHING.

Up and down the Lake for Bluefish. Shark Fishing outside. For Kingfish outside. For Bass from the Beach. Deep Sea Fishing from the **Ocean Pier** at the Beach.

BATHING.

In the Great Salt Water Swimming Pool. In the Surf at the Beach at all times.

WALKS AND BICYCLE PATHS.

To the Rubber Tree, two miles South. To the Cragin Place (Rêve d'été), two miles North. To Lake Worth Village, one and one half miles North. To the Fresh Water Lake, two miles. To the Pineapple Plantations. Along the Shore and through the many Cocoanut Shaded Avenues.

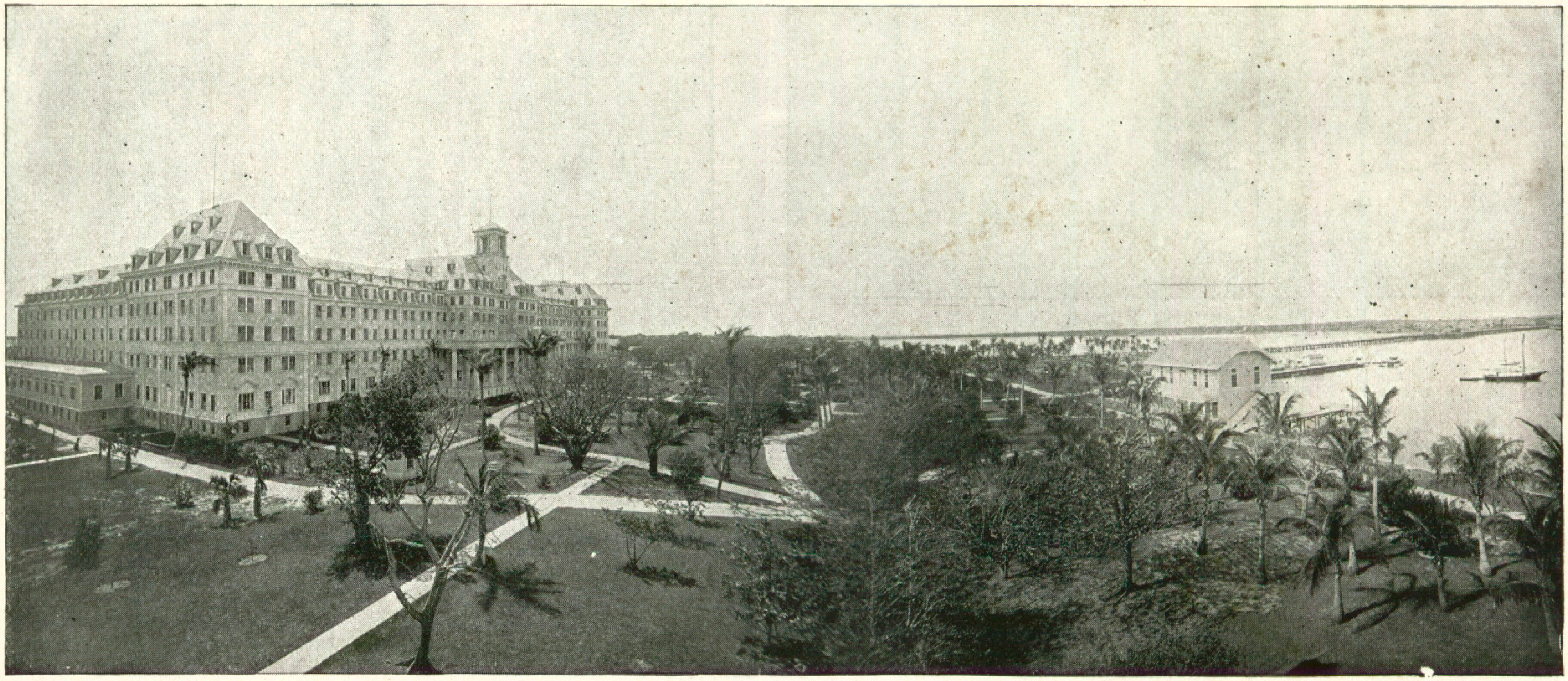
ENTERTAINMENTS.

Tennis. Gun Club Clay Pigeon Shoots. Royal Poinciana Casino, with its Dance and Entertainment Hall.

Bicycle Renting Rooms, Riding Academy and Instructors.

Hotel Physician — Dr. Lewis W. Pendleton of Portland, Me.

The Orange Blossom.



ROYAL POINCIANA,

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Open January to April.

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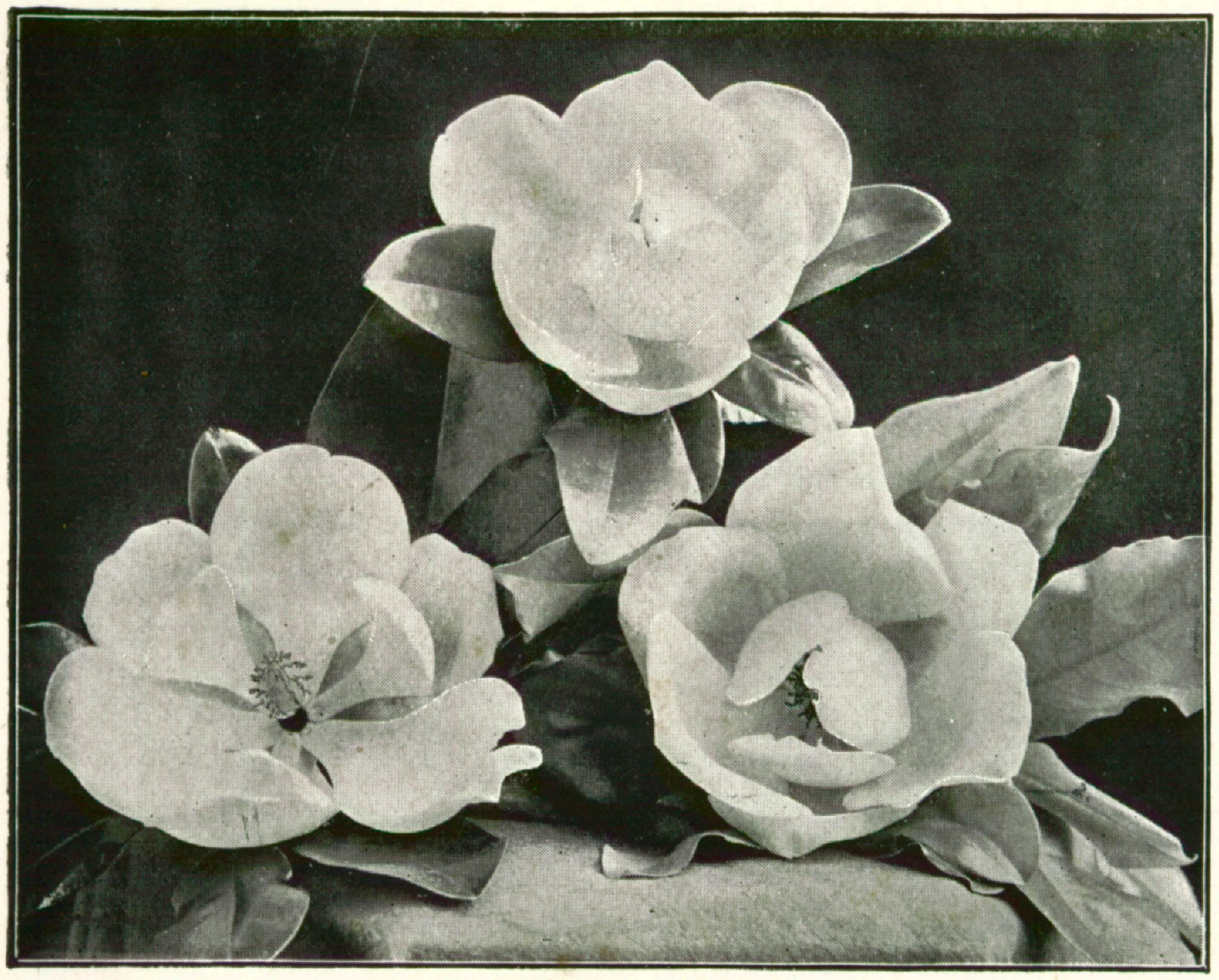

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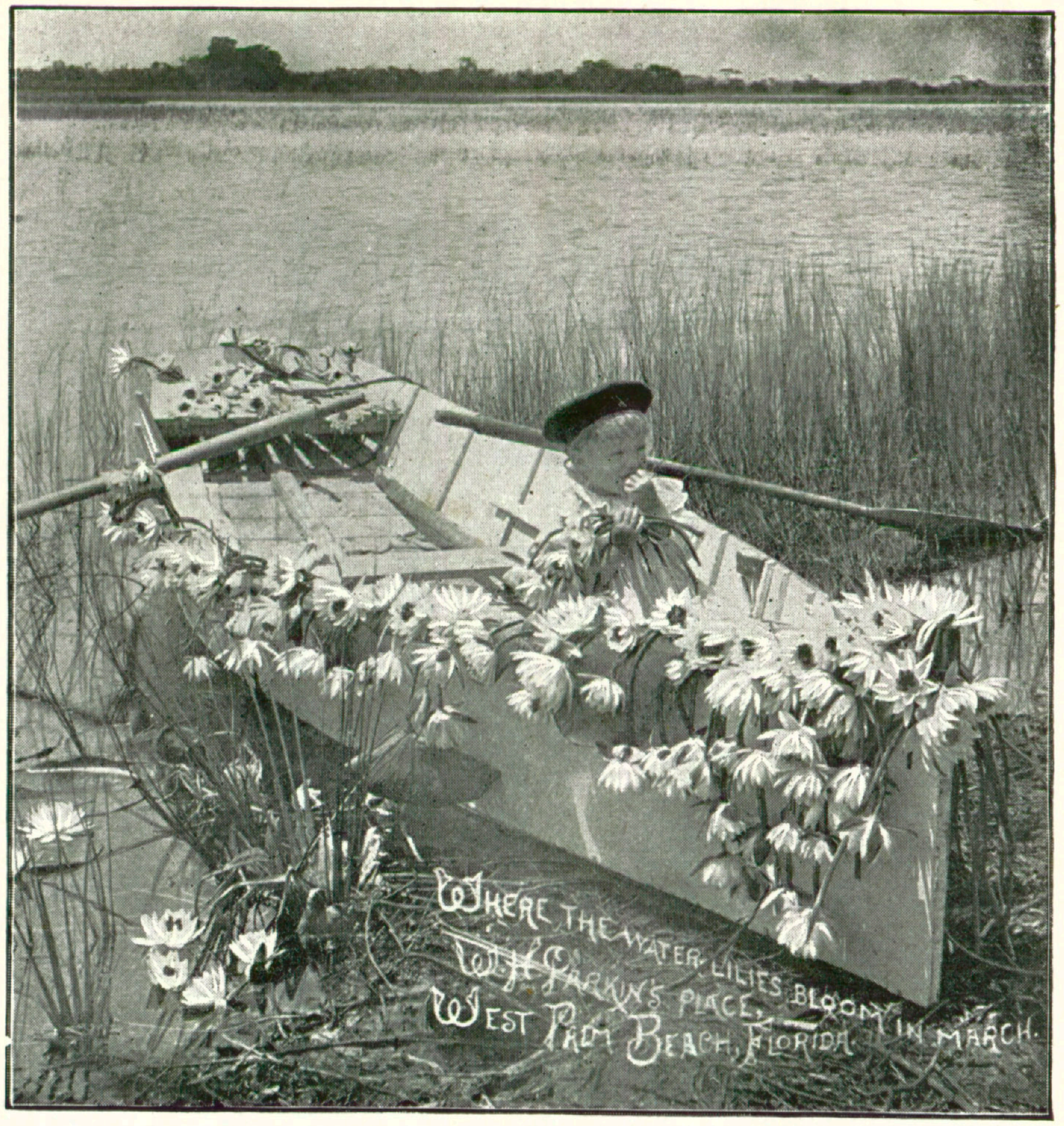
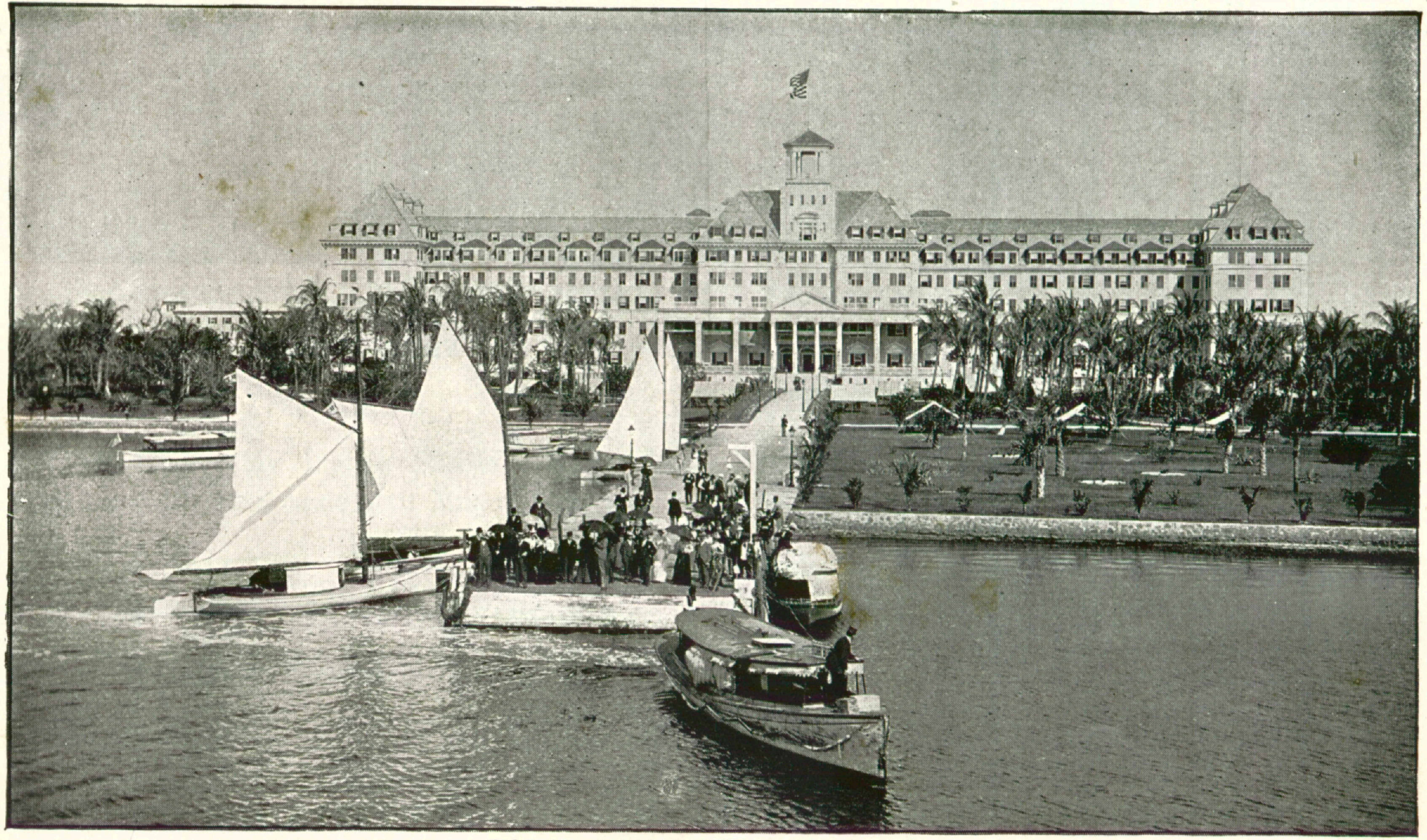

WHERE THE WATER-LILIES BLOOM IN MARCH.
W. H. PARKIN'S PLACE,
WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Fresh Water Lake, Palm Beach.



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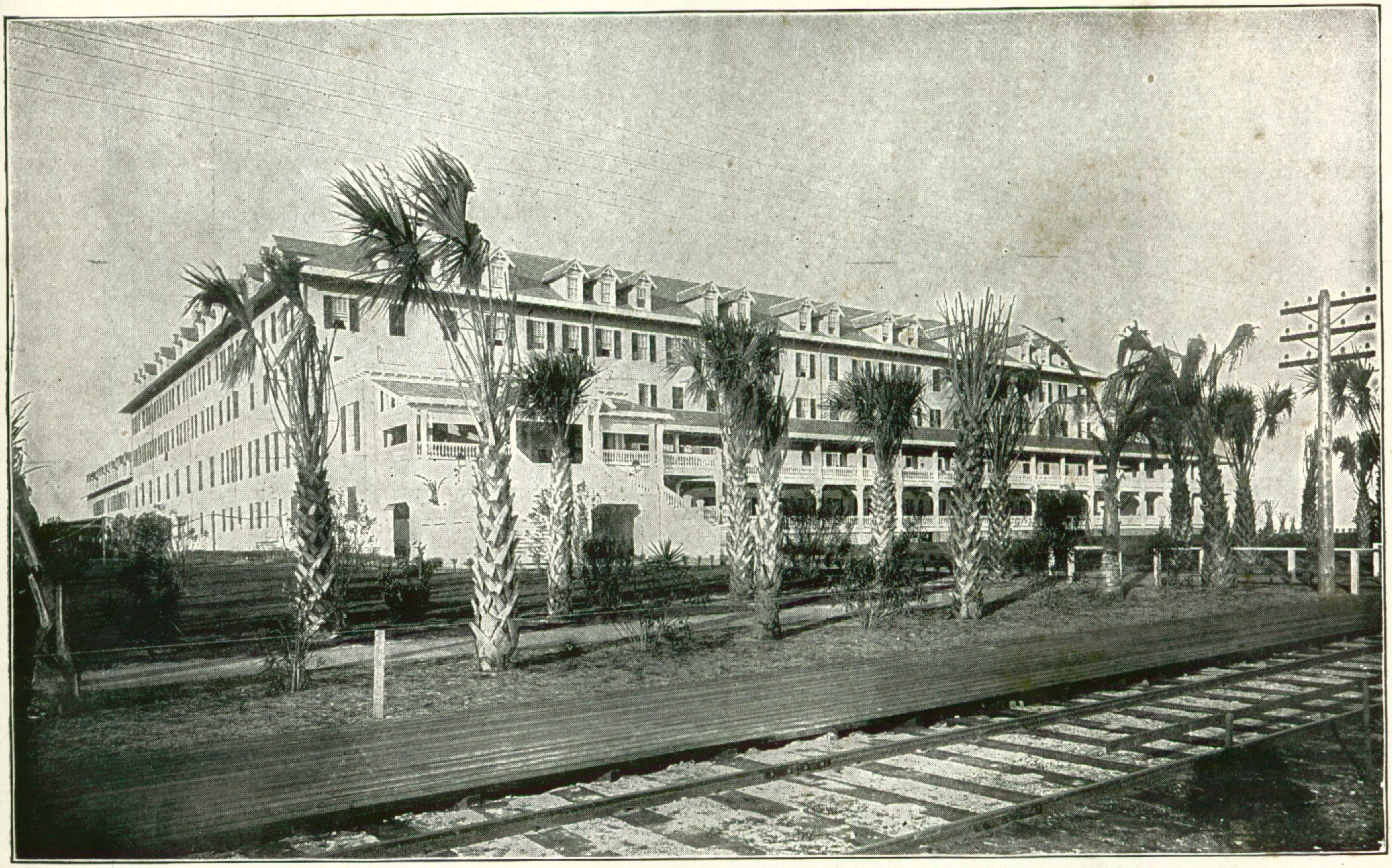

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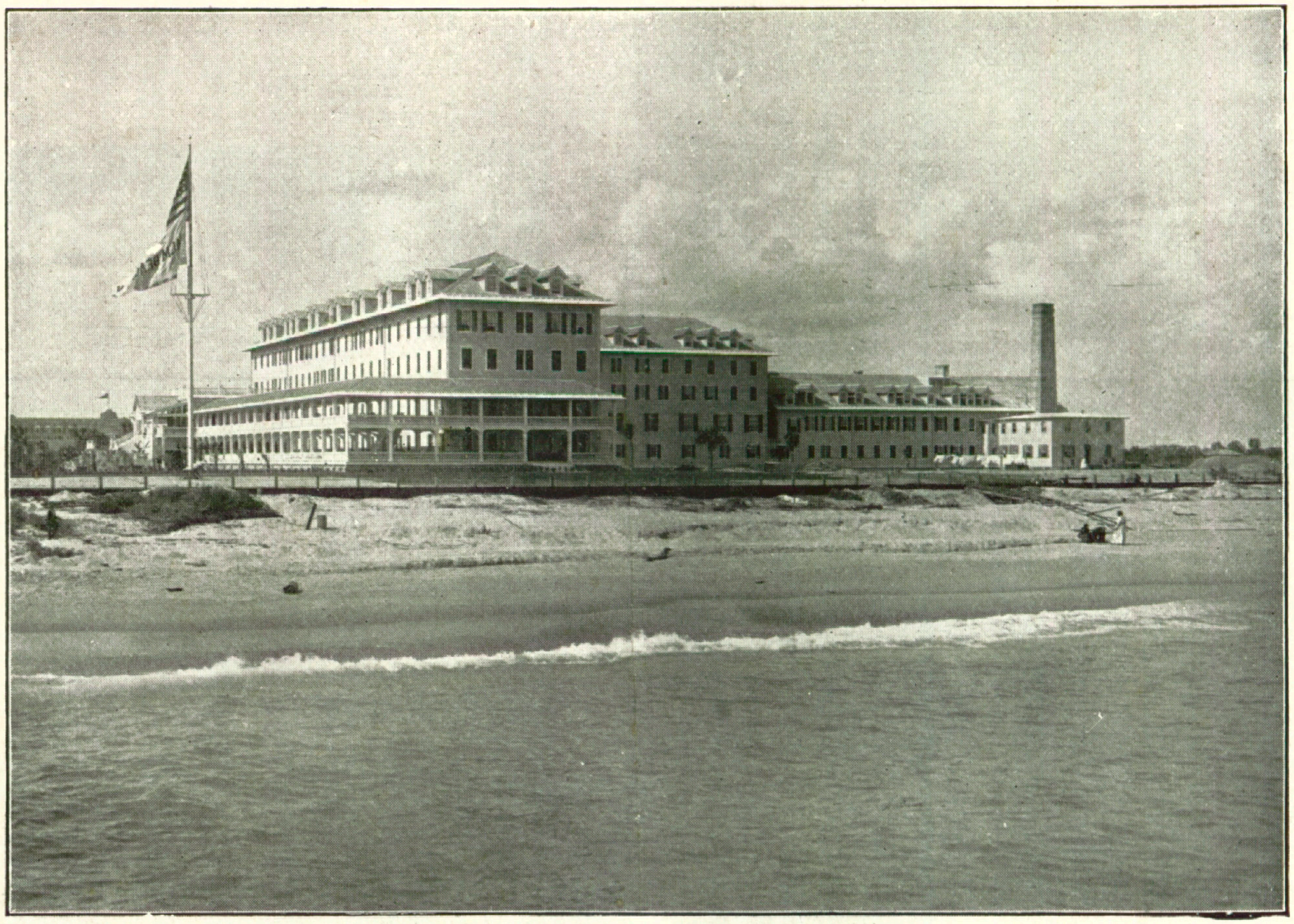
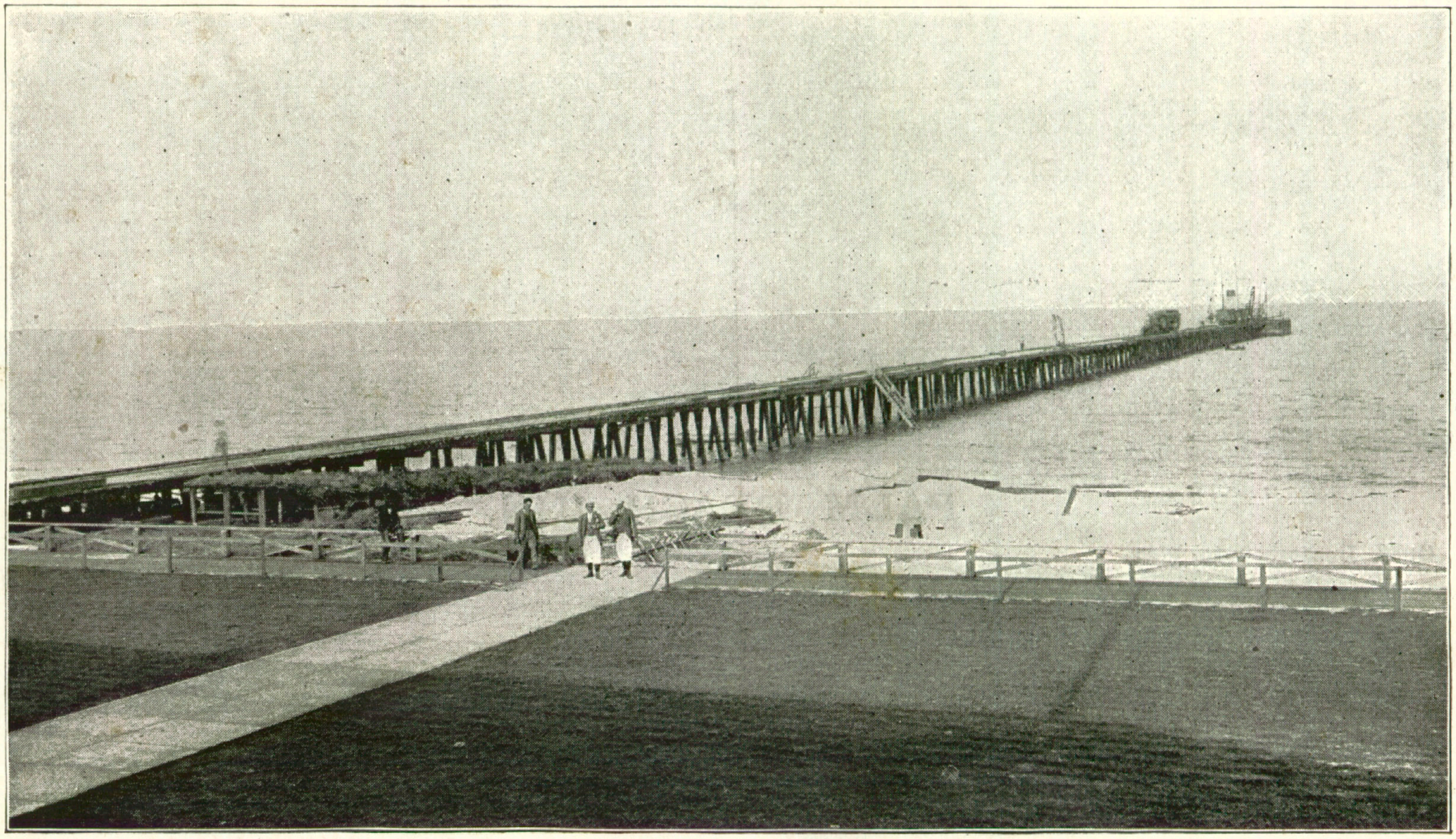


Palm Beach Inn, from the Ocean Pier.



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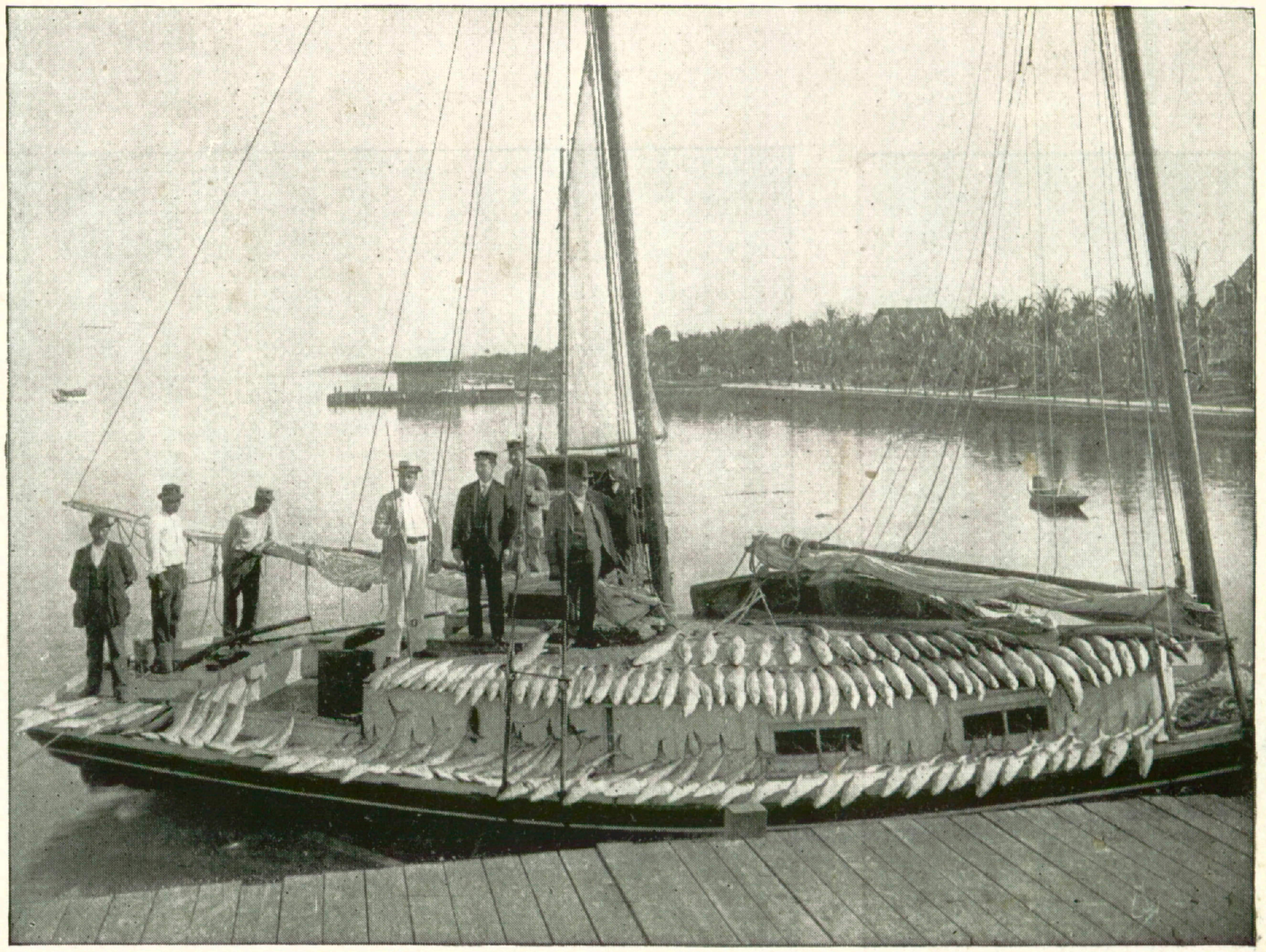

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Largest Catch on Record at Palm Beach.

133 King Fish.

Weight, 2,102 pounds.

Caught off Palm Beach.

Friday, March 29, 1895.

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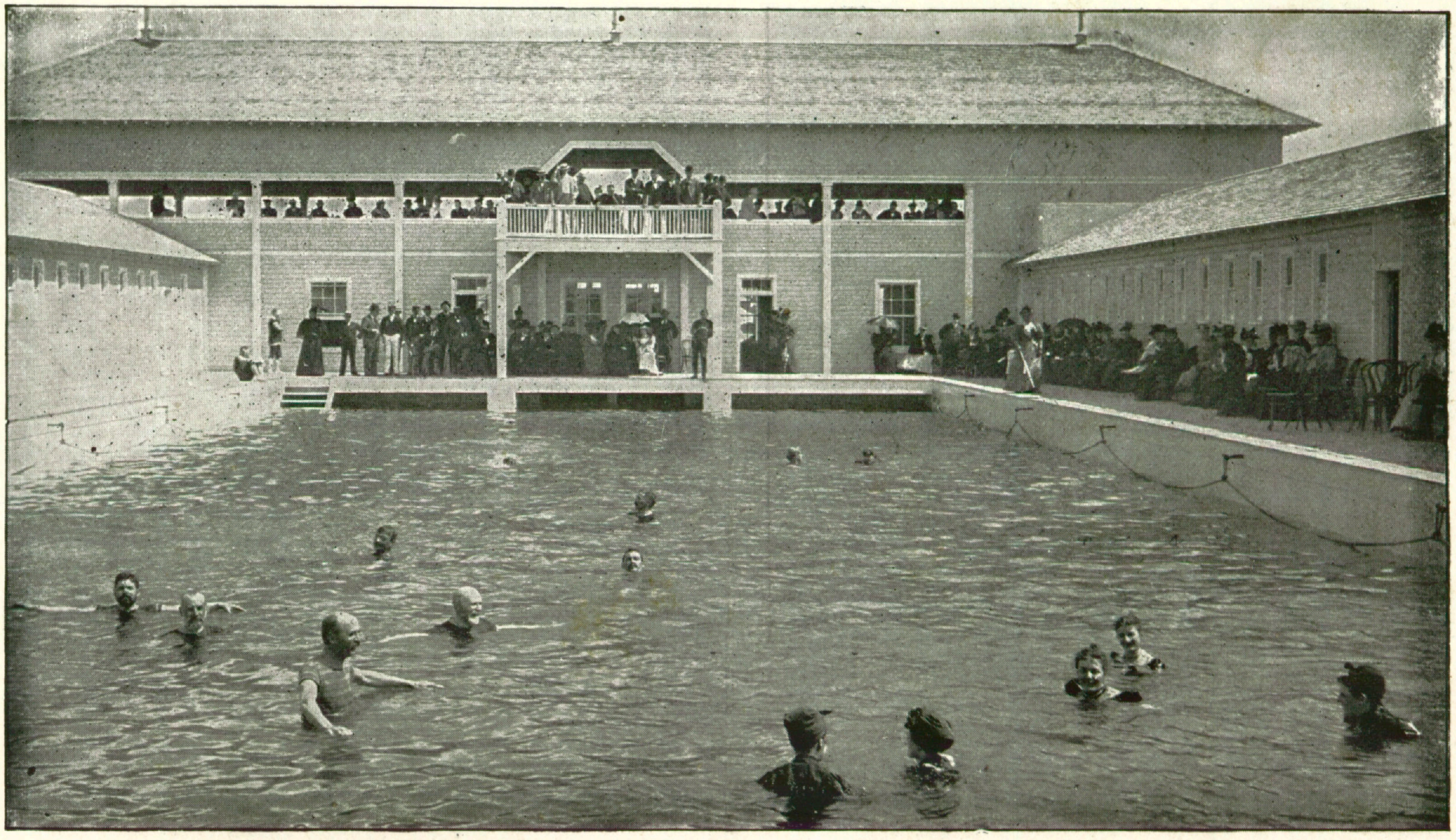

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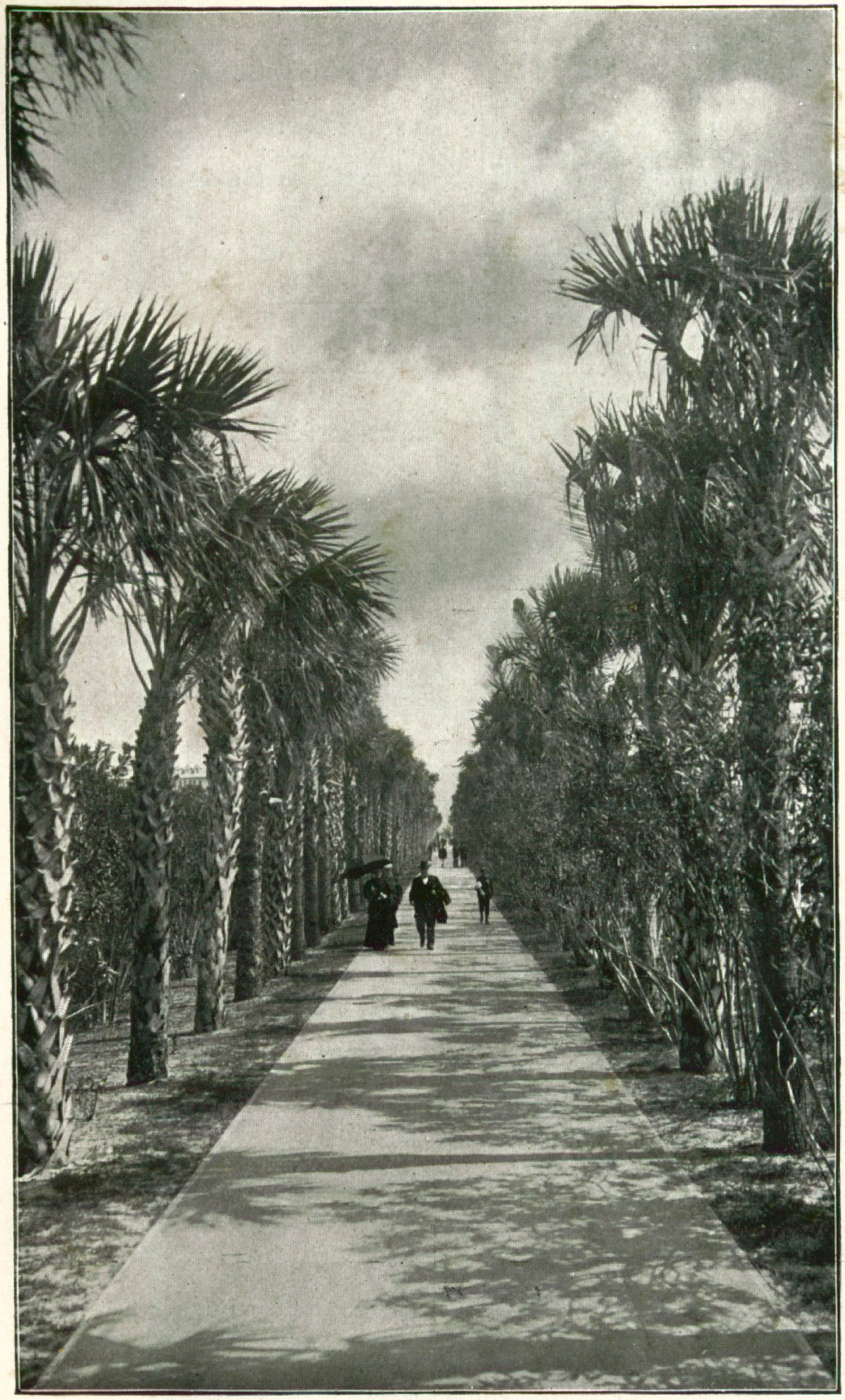
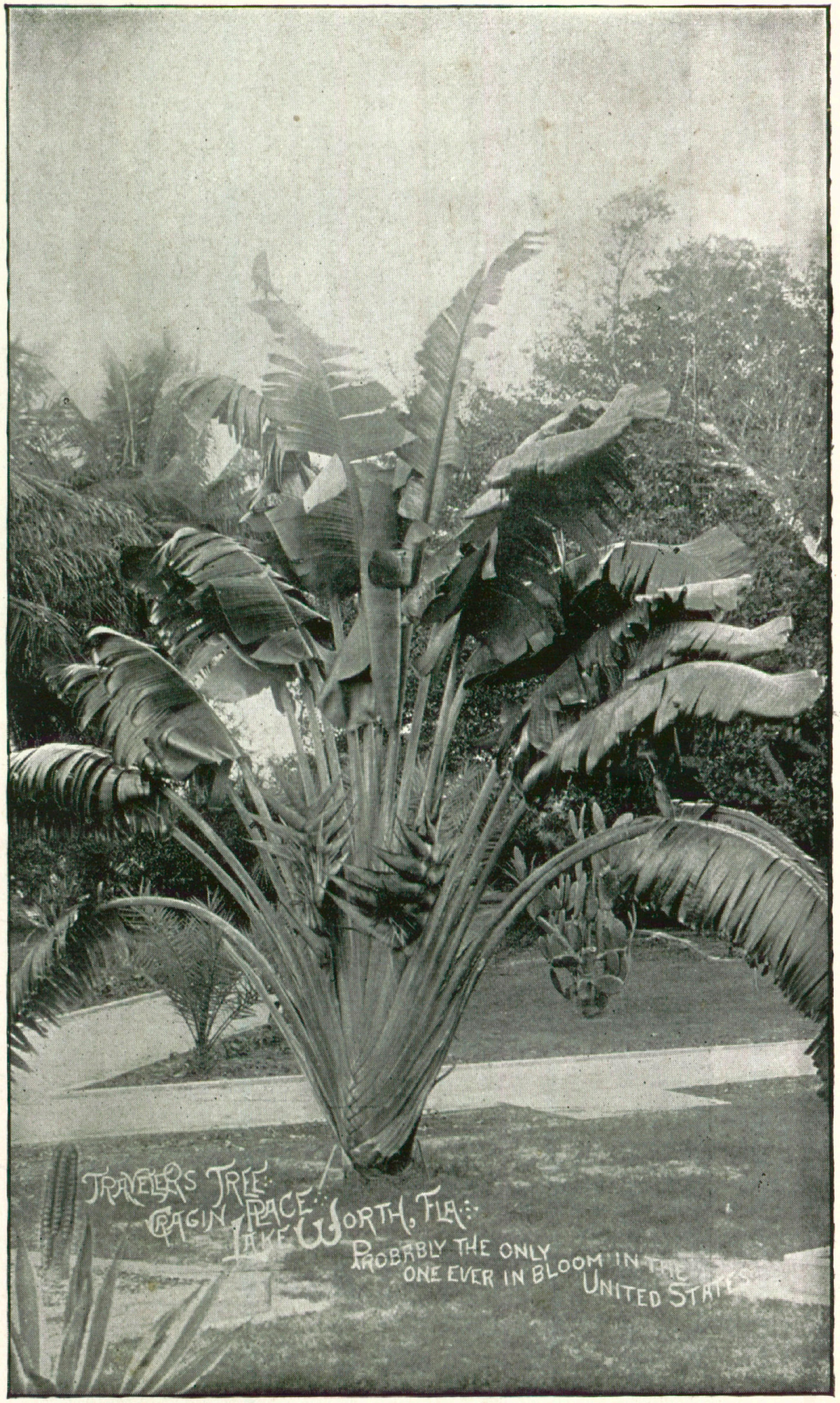
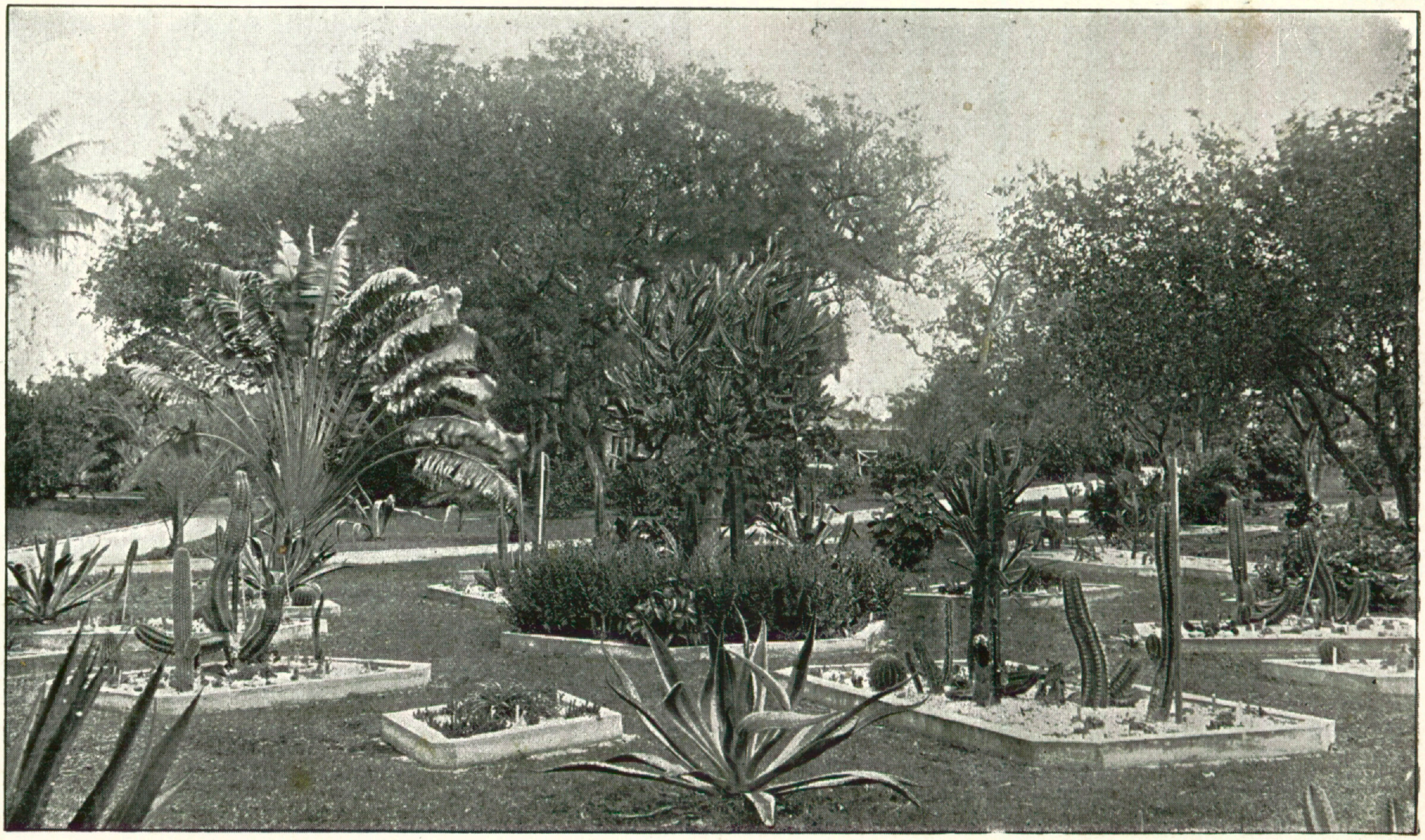


Avenue from Lake to Ocean.—Royal Poinciana to Palm Beach Inn.

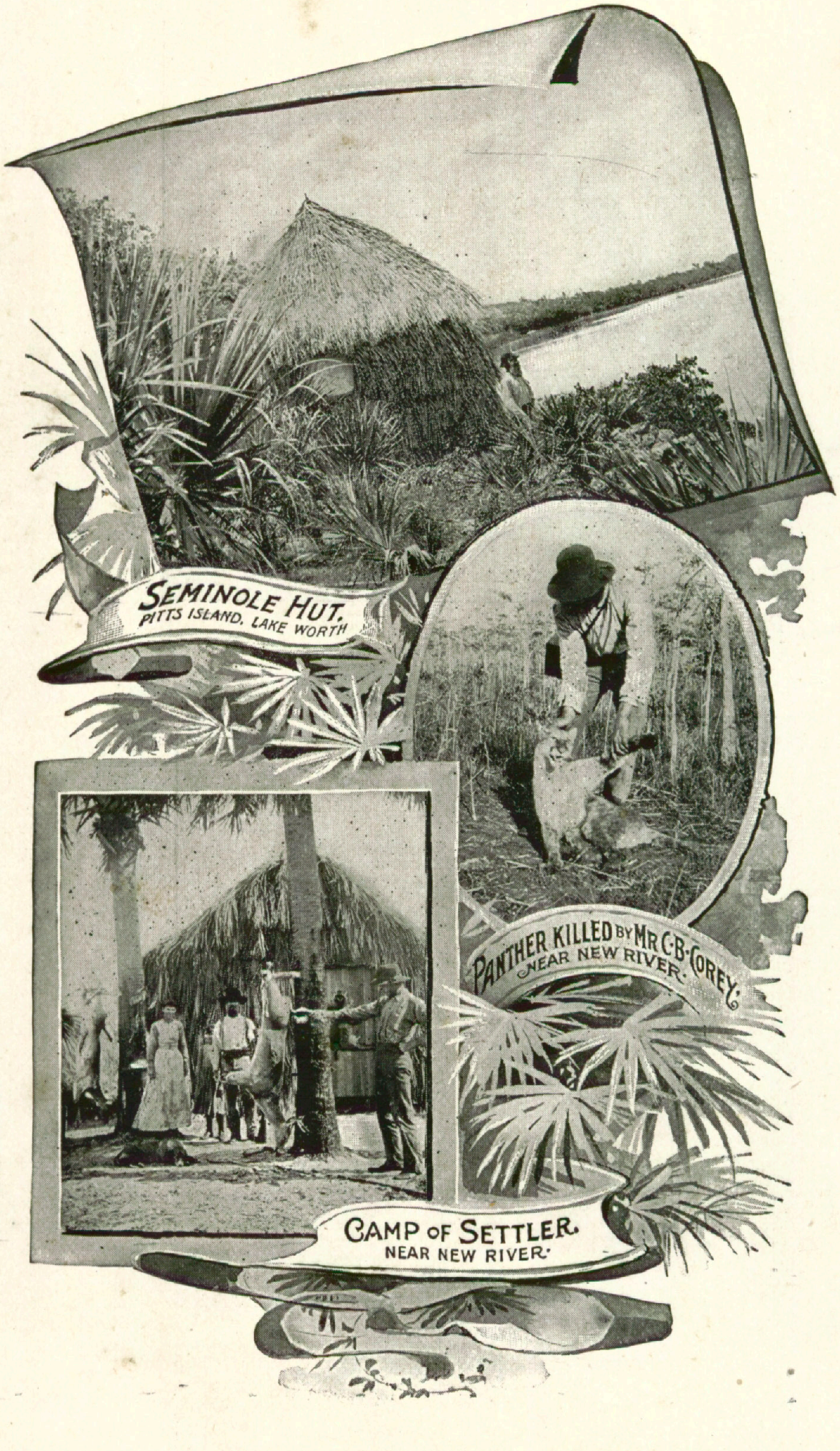

TRAVELLER'S TREE.
CRAGIN PLACE
LAKE WORTH, FLA.
PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE EVER IN BLOOM IN THE UNITED STATES.

Traveller's Tree, Lake Worth. Reached by Bicycle Paths.

Midwinter Ocean Bathing, Palm Beach.



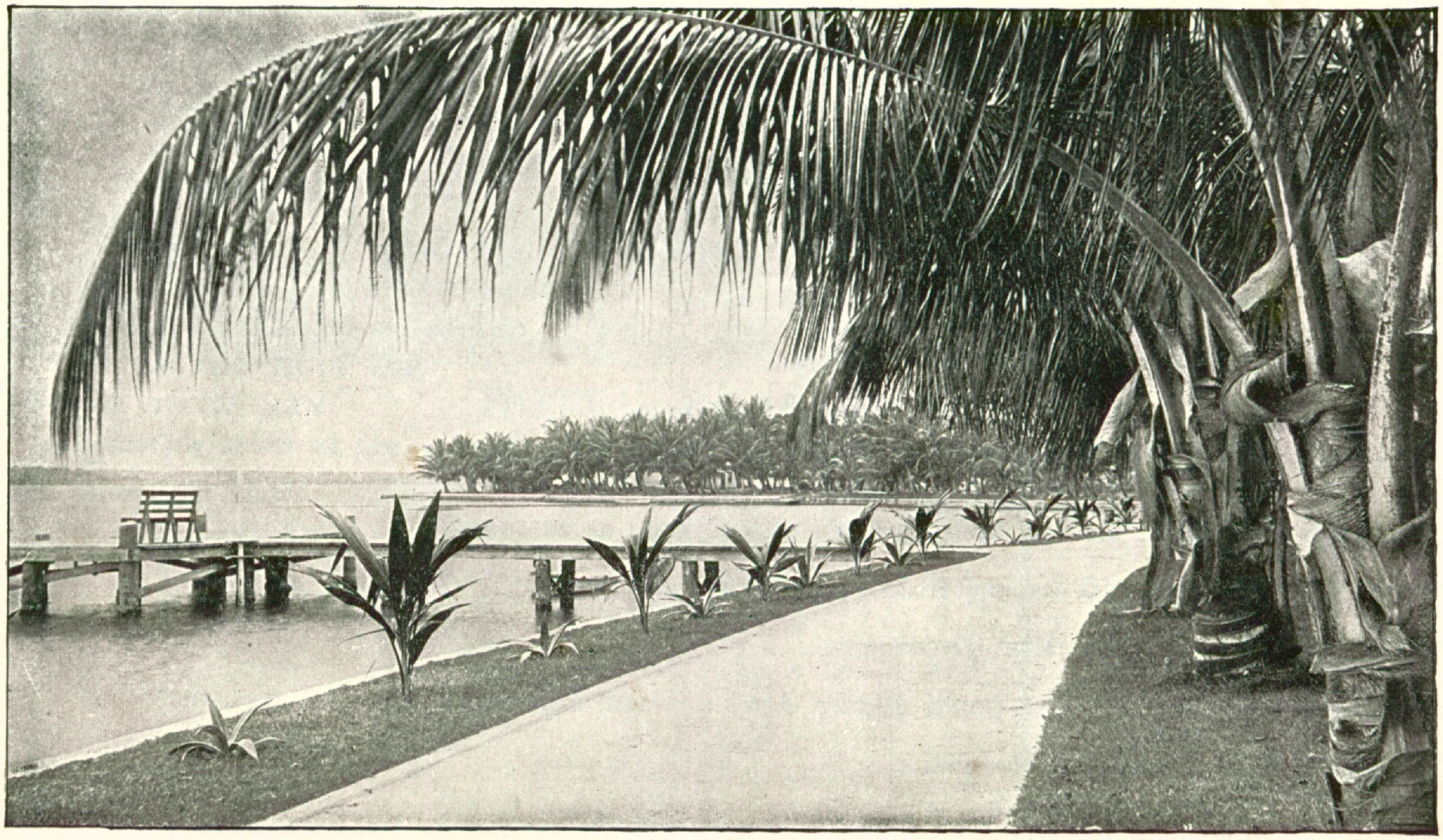
On one of the Bicycle Paths. Cactus Garden (300 varieties), Cragin Place ("Reve d'ete"), Lake Worth, Florida.


SEMINOLE HUT.
PITTS ISLAND, LAKE WORTH
PANTHER KILLED BY MR C.B. COREY.
NEAR NEW RIVER.
CAMP OF SETTLER.
NEAR NEW RIVER.

COCOANUT TREES.
ON LAKE WORTH.
PALM BEACH, FLORIDA.

Cocoanut Trees, Palm Beach.

Pine Apples, Palm Beach, Florida.



The "Ramble," Walk or Bicycle Path, Palm Beach, Florida.

IN THE TROPICS——————

HOTEL ROYAL PALM,

H. W. MERRILL, Manager,

MIAMI, BISCAYNE BAY, FLORIDA.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR 600 GUESTS.

Excellent Fishing, **Sailing on Biscayne Bay Perfect,**
Bicycling, **The ideal spot of the World.**

BISCAYNE BAY is a large sheet of salt water, so clear that its garden-like bottom and numberless variety of fish can be plainly seen even to a depth of twenty-five feet and more. It is separated from the ocean by the picturesque Florida Keys, some of the larger and most noted of which are

VIRGINIA KEY. SANDS KEY. ELLIOTT KEY. BISCAYNE KEY.
KEY LARGO. PALO ALTO KEY. ANGEL FISH KEY.

MIAMI.—On Biscayne Bay, and surrounding Fort Dallas at the mouth of the Miami River, is the southern terminus of the FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY, which skirts the east coast of Florida from Jacksonville south through such world-famous resorts as St. Augustine, Ormond and Palm Beach.

EXCURSIONS.

FALLS OF MIAMI RIVER.
SOUTH FORKS AND EVERGLADES.
LITTLE RIVER.
ARCH CREEK.
CAPE FLORIDA LIGHT (not now used.)

FOWRY ROCK LIGHT.
COCOANUT GROVE.
CEASAR'S CREEK.
JEW FISH CREEK.
KEY WEST BY STEAMER.

SUBMARINE GARDENS, TURTLE HARBOR, BISCAYNE BAY, equal to those at Nassau.

OPEN AIR BATHING in the Bay in front of the Royal Palm at all times.

BOATING AND CANOEING on the rivers and into the everglades.

NAPHTHA LAUNCH and Sail Boat Excursions.

BICYCLING—Rental rooms in the hotel, Riding Academy and Instructors on hotel grounds.

BEAUTIFUL WALKS and Bicycle Paths.

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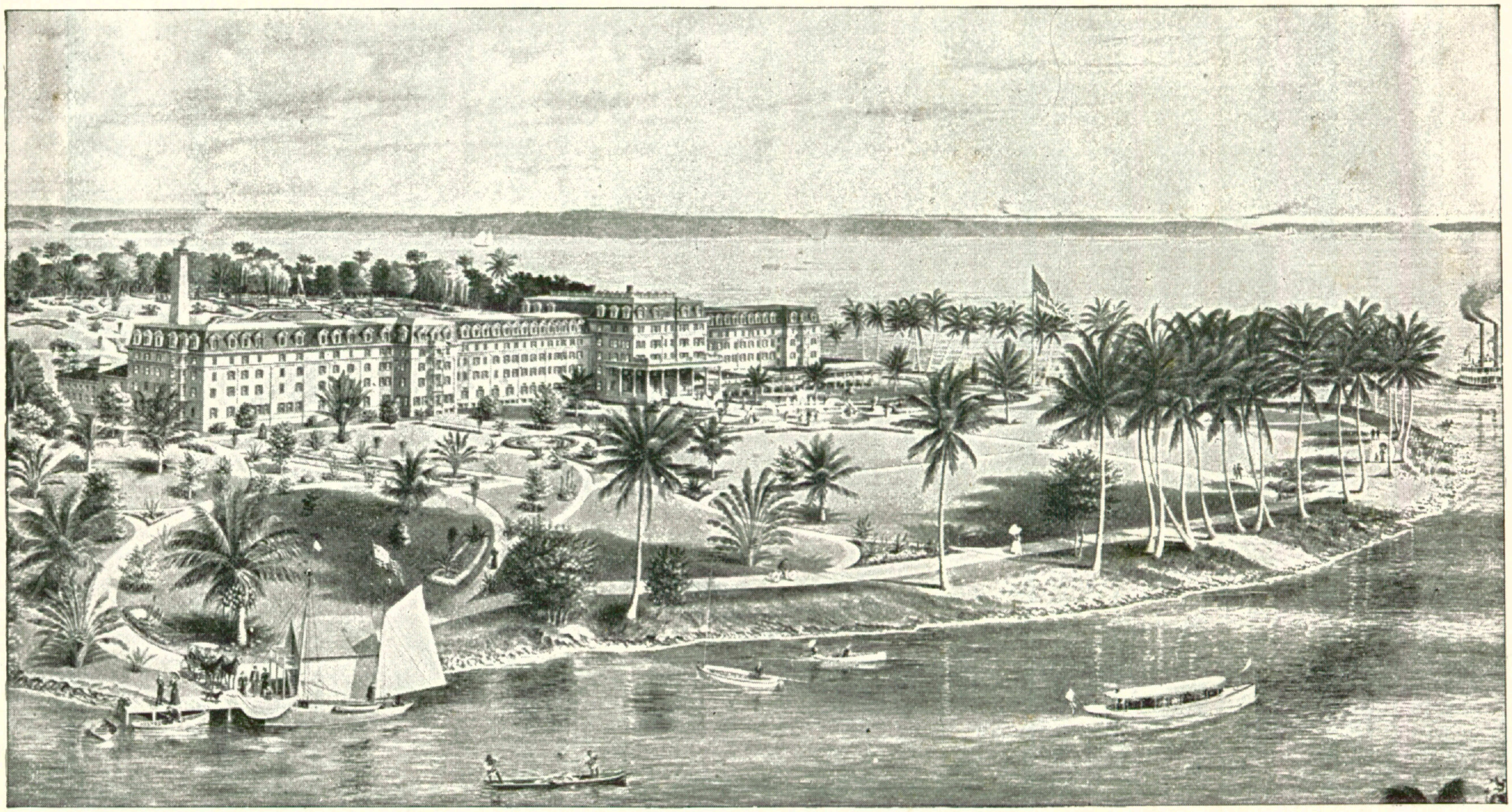

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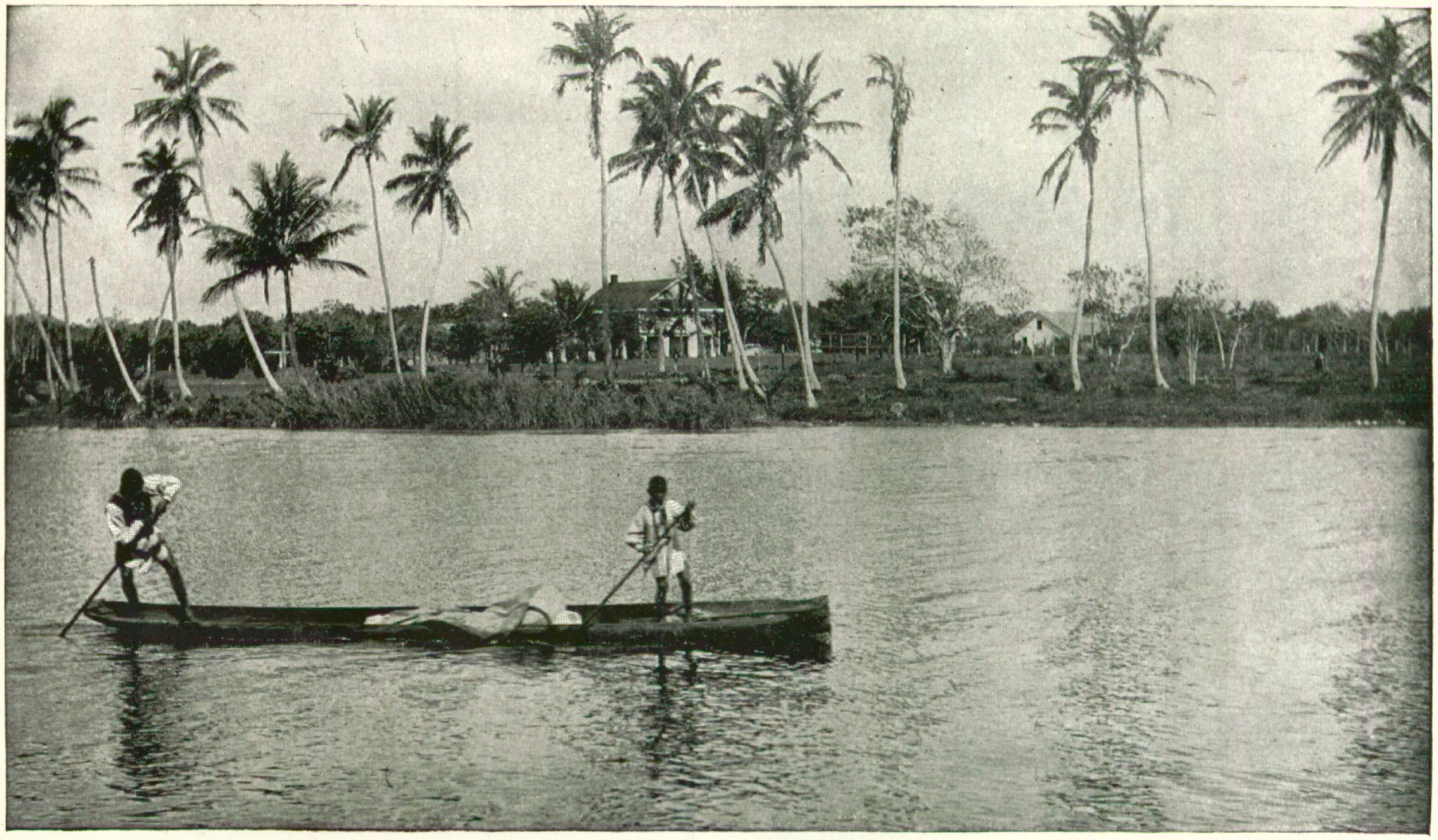
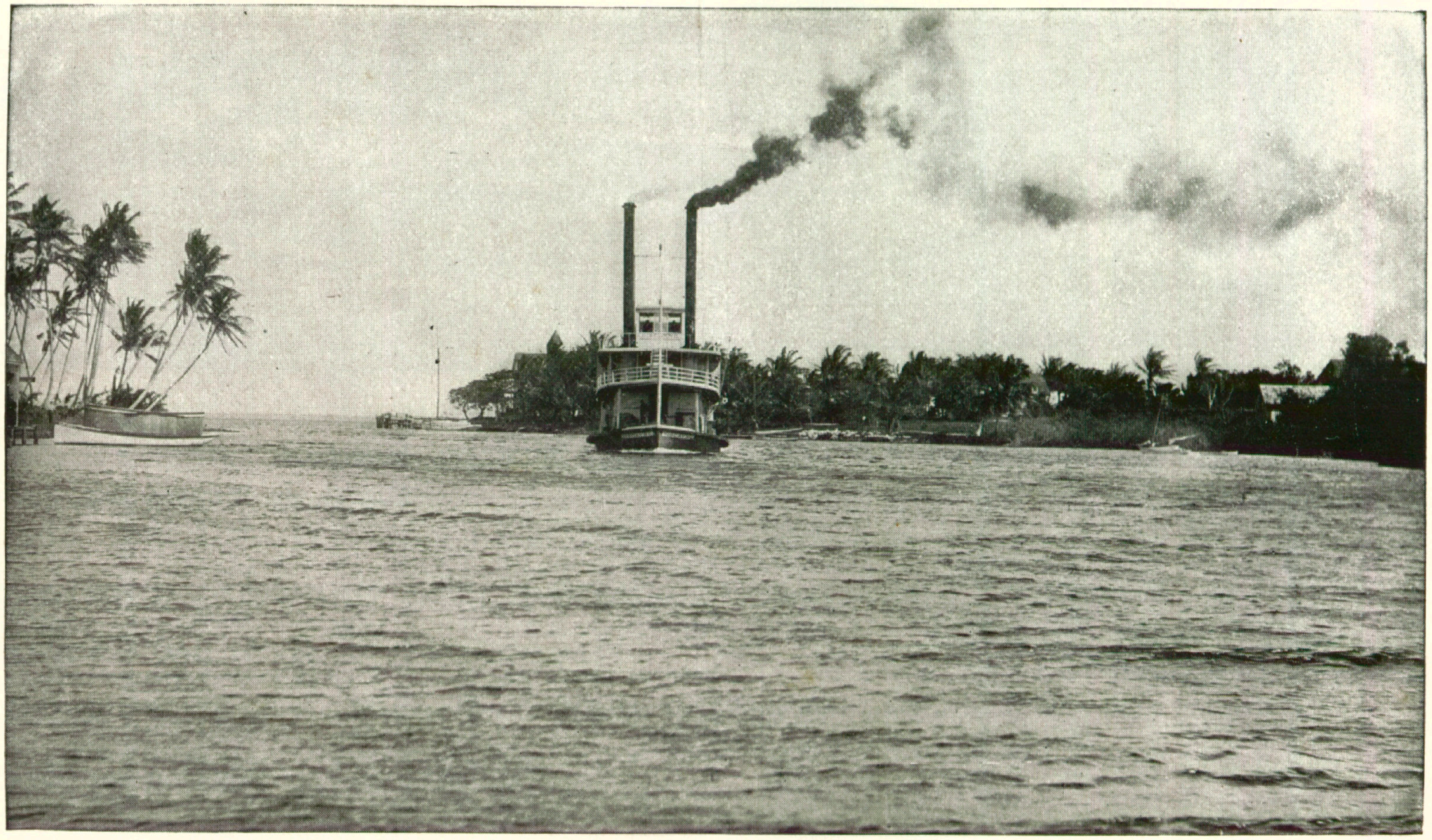
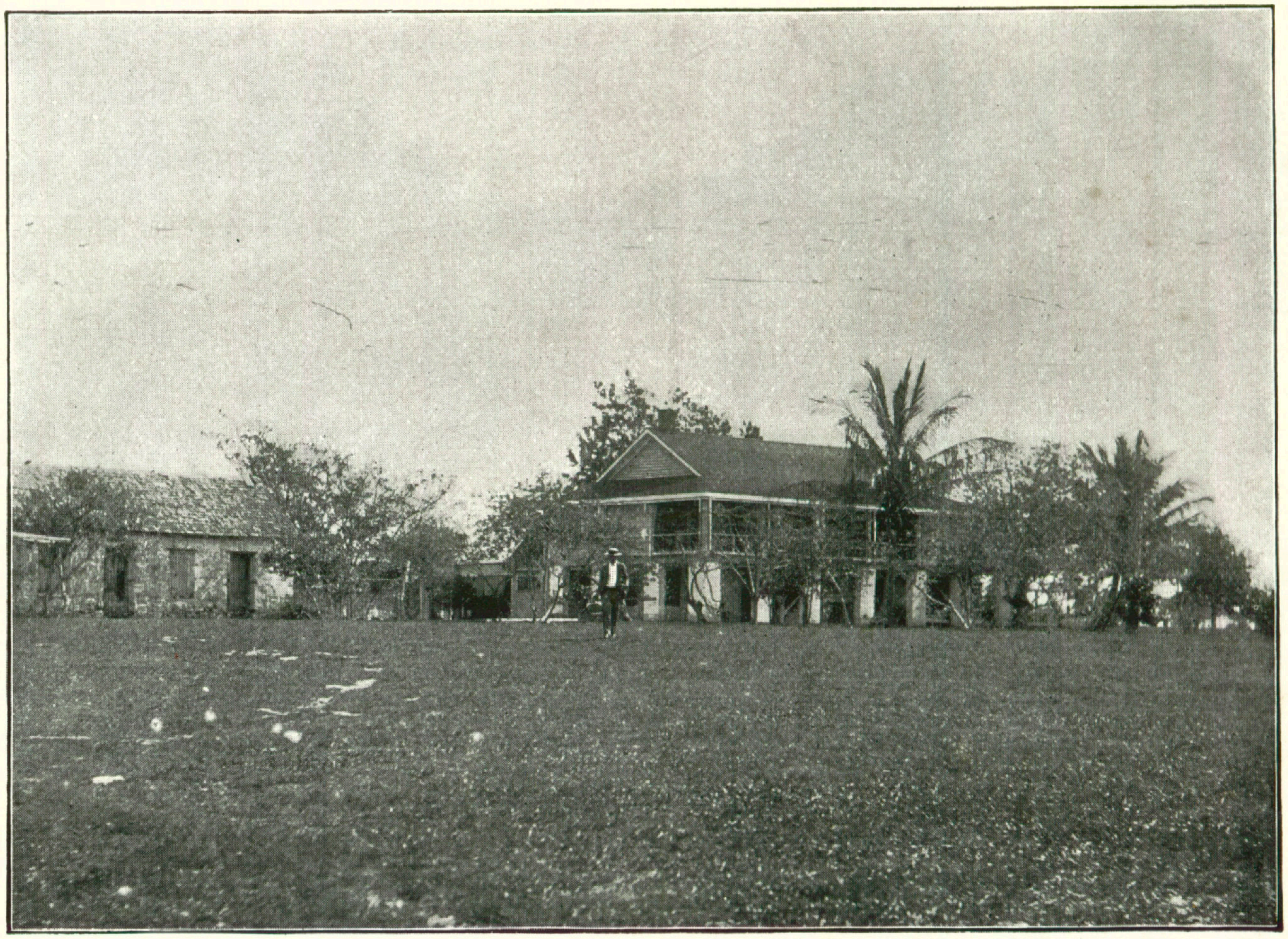


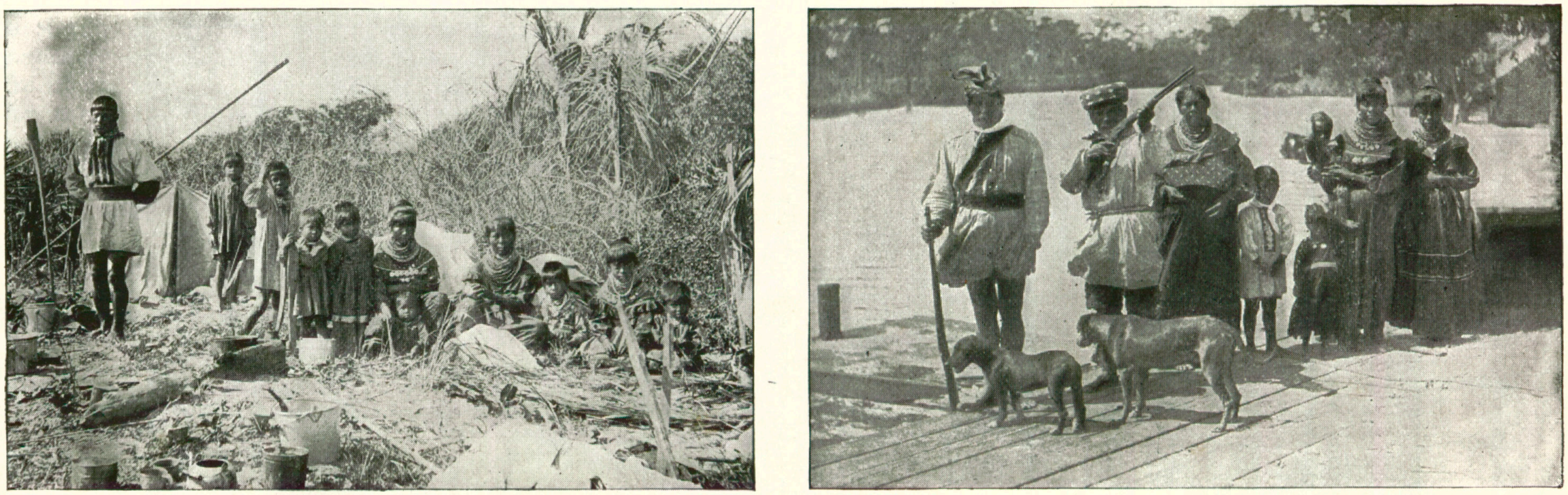
Seminole Indians and Canoe on Miami River, as seen from the Hotel Royal Palm.



Steamer "Biscayne" on Miami River, as seen from the Hotel Royal Palm.



Old Fort Dallas grounds, adjoining those of Hotel Royal Palm.



Seminole Families.

Canoeing on the Miami River.

Canoeing on Arch Creek.

NASSAU, N. P.

"The breath of a celestial clime,
As if from Heaven's wide open gates did flow
Health and refreshment on the world below."
—*Bryant.*

NASSAU is the Mecca of the tourist, the dream of the invalid, the delight of the sportsman.

Glancing at the map an instant, you will see that it is the capital of the Bahama Islands, that it lies just east of Southern Florida, and that it is less than 150 miles from either Palm Beach or Miami. You will see, also, that the Gulf Stream, that strange and forceful river of the ocean, protects it on the west as well as on the north from chilling winds, and gives it that wondrous climate where, as a matter of fact and record, the thermometer ranges during our harsh winter months from 68 to 78 degrees, and in twenty-four hours rarely shows a variation of over five degrees.

Winter, in our sense of the word, is literally unknown, while at the same time the islands, even in our summer season, are quite exempt from the dry, scorching heat that characterizes other tropical countries.

Nassau has a Hotel, beautifully situated and well managed. The Royal Victoria is kept by an American, and has a reputation that is world wide. There are smaller hotels and boarding-houses, so that every class and condition of tourist or invalid can be well accommodated. A direct cable, with low rates to the United States, makes our country very near at all times.

There is amusement for everyone, for all tastes and temperaments. The sailing is unsurpassed, both inside the harbor with its long landlock stretch to the eastward, or outside on the waters of the broad Atlantic. The drives extend for miles along the shores, or inland to the pine forests. The roads, made of the native stone, are smooth as asphalt, and are the delight of the cyclist, for, with the even surface of asphalt they have also the spring of the cinder path. As a result, Nassau is in great favor with knights of the wheel, and during the last two seasons parties by day, and at night under the wondrous moonlight of the tropics, have been amongst the most popular amusements of the place. The fishing is excellent, both deep sea and in the harbor, and the disciple of Nimrod will also find good sport for his gun. There is sea bathing every day in the year; in still water, or on an ocean beach that is not surpassed anywhere.

Among the many things that interest the stranger, the sea gardens, a short distance from Nassau, are perhaps the most wonderful. They are briefly described by a well known writer as follows: "The subaqueous gardens of the Bahamas are one of the most interesting scenes imaginable, and more than fulfil any ideas that fancy may create about them. They are really fairy gardens, for far down in the clear green water waive brilliant sea grass, flowers and vines, while many species of fish, varying in hue and size from the green and golden minnows, not two ounces in weight, perhaps, to the ponderous Jew fish, clad in a coat of silver mail and weighing over 500 pounds, dash through the shrubbery or placidly float in a grotto. Conches in which pinkish pearls are concealed may also be found there, and with them nearly every species of shell fish indigenous to tropical seas."

For more than a century Nassau has been the point most favored by persons desirous of escaping the severities of a Northern winter, but the long sea voyage and consequent discomfort have deterred many, who otherwise would have visited and enjoyed this land of the Lotus and the Oleander, so aptly termed the Isle of June. Now, the FLORIDA EAST COAST STEAMSHIP LINE brings it within the reach of all, and places the gem spot of the tropics but a few short hours' sail from the Florida shores, a brief voyage on a sea that is smooth and landlocked nearly the entire trip. Think of it! In what direction or by what other means of transportation can such an excursion be made. One absolutely new to an American, and yet where our own language is spoken, where the hospitality of our English cousin is proverbial, and where our customs and manner of living are followed.

It is an easy journey to Nassau. From the sunset sky of Biscayne and Miami to the sunlit sea of New Providence is but a matter of a few short hours; and when reluctantly your face is set northward, it will be after you have said *au revoir*, not good by, for you will surely return.

Nassau throws a spell around the traveller that sooner or later brings him back again. You may not know what the enchantment is, but it works surely, certainly and pleasantly.

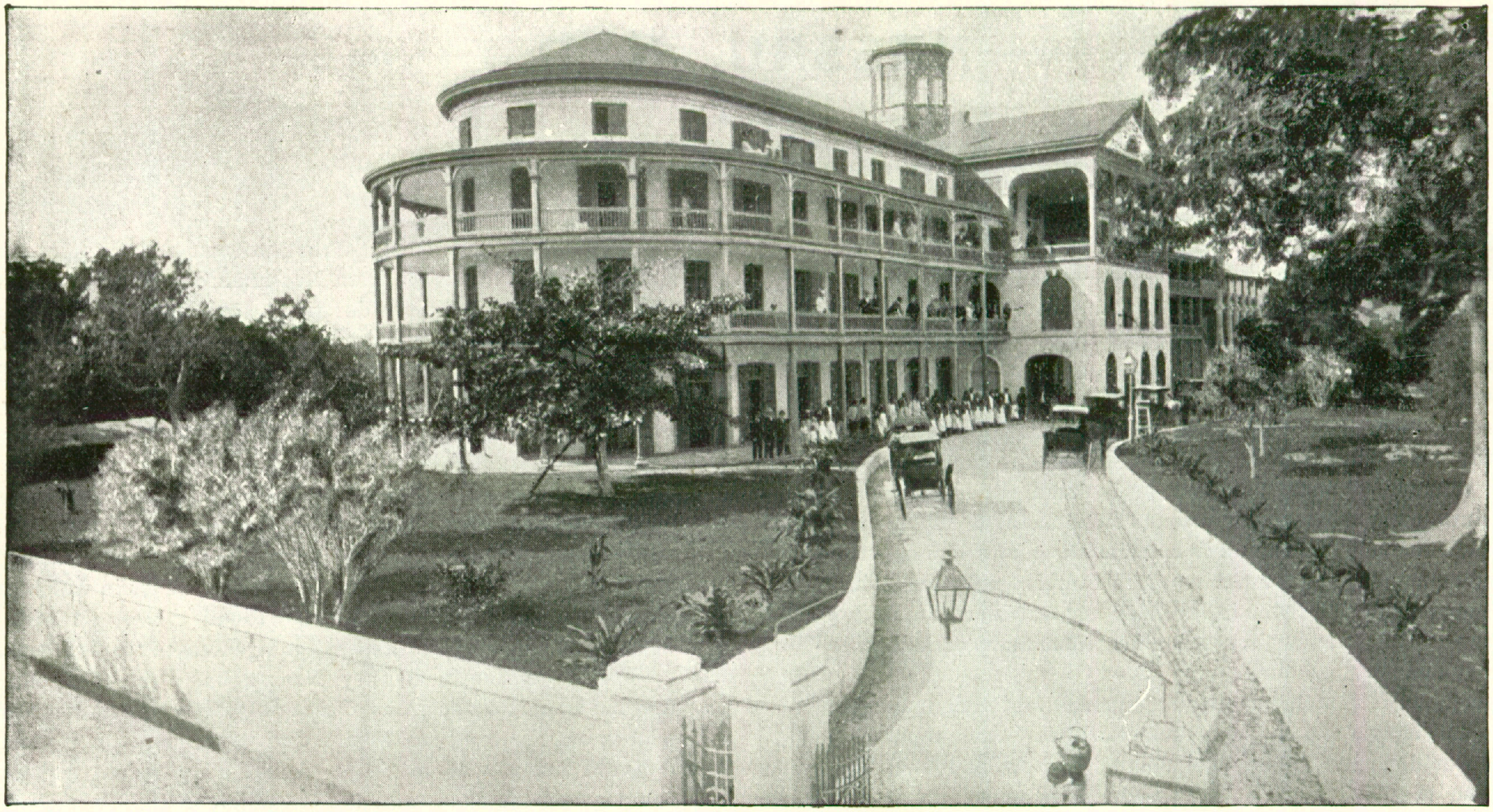
FLORIDA EAST COAST STEAMSHIP LINE.

MIAMI = = = = = = NASSAU

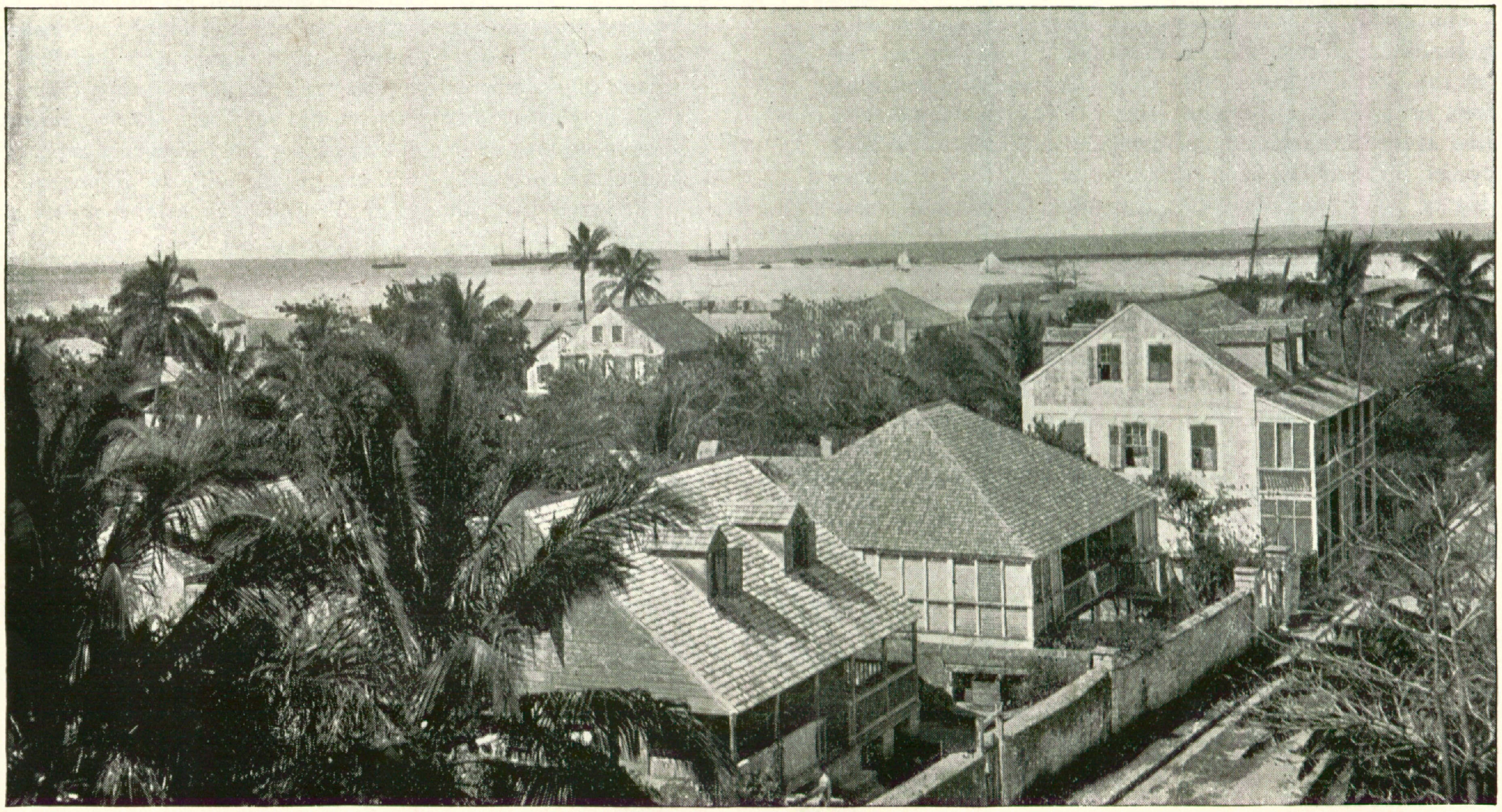
Commencing January 15, steamships of this line will ply between Miami and Nassau, on the island of New Providence, among the Bahamas, only 145 miles distant.

Semi-weekly trips are made during January, Tri-weekly during February and March, and Semi-weekly trips during April until the service terminates.

For full particulars and actual sailing days and dates, consult time-tables of the FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY.



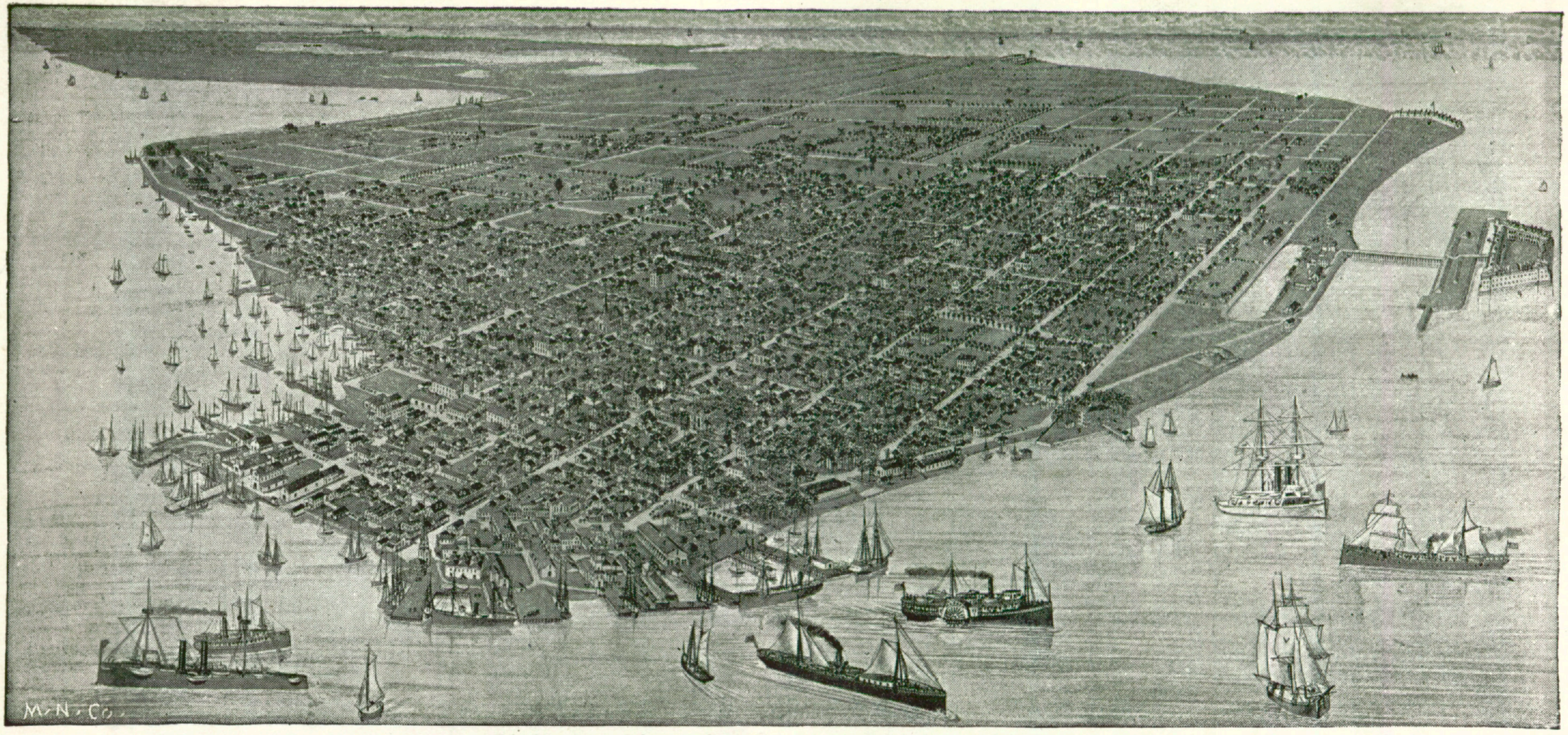
Royal Victoria Hotel, Nassau.



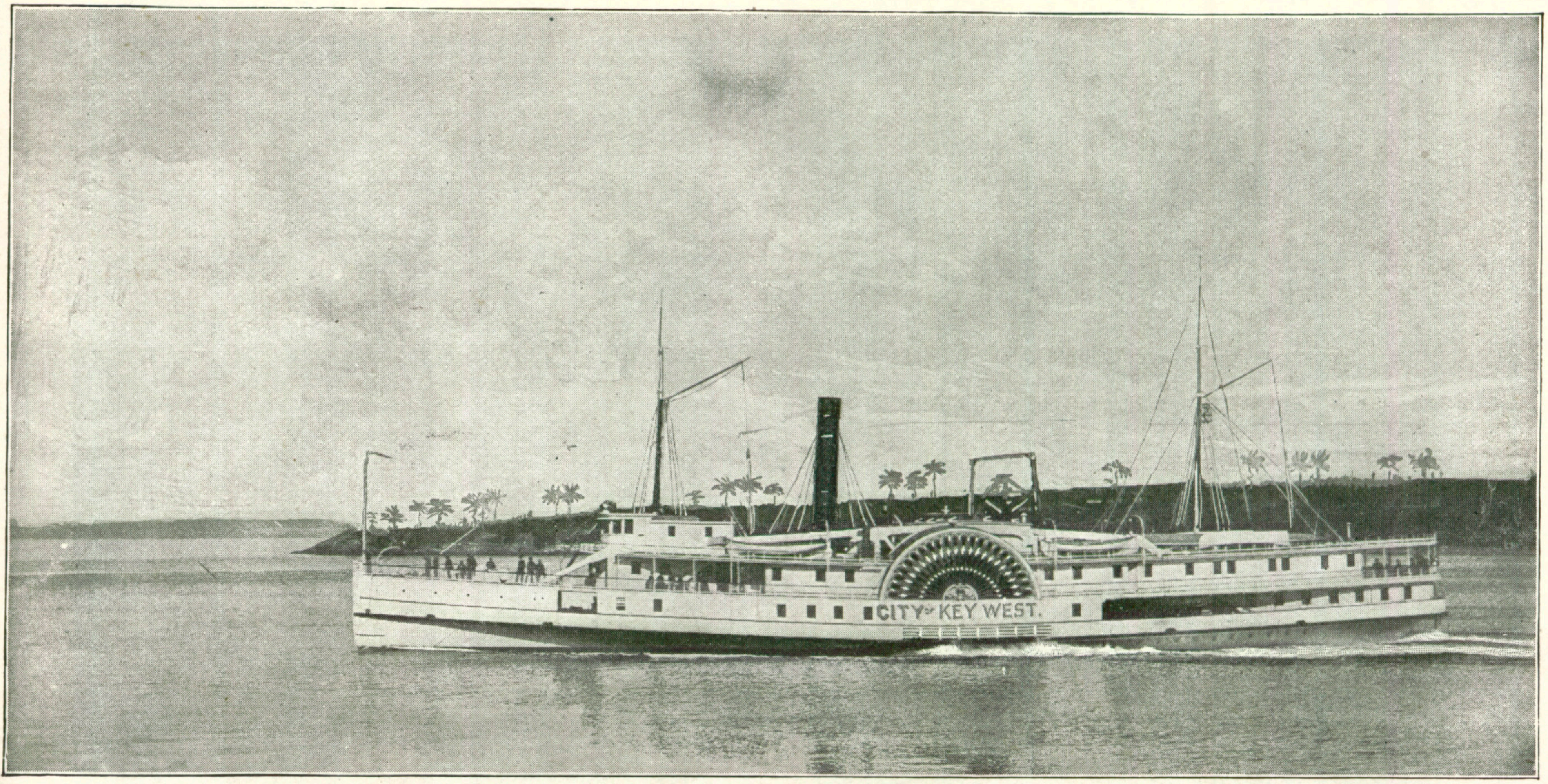
Queen Street, from Hill, Nassau.

A Sponge Yard, Nassau. Reached by Steamer from Miami (145 miles only).

A Banana Garden, Nassau. Reached by Steamer from Miami (145 miles only).



Bird's-Eye View of the City of Key West, Florida.


CITY OF KEY WEST.

Steamer "City of Key West."

Key West & Miami Steamship Co.

OPERATED BY THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY.

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Steamships of this line make tri-weekly trips between **Miami** and **Key West**, 165 miles distant.

The daylight run of ten hours in and out, among and along the Keys makes a most enjoyable excursion through the thousands of islands called Keys which make the East Coast of South Florida vie with that of Maine for picturesqueness and beauty, and brings one to that interesting island city and most important naval station of the United States.

The island presents many pleasing features to the tourist, and is well worth a visit; tropical trees and flowers of all kinds abound, and the people of the island are remarkably hospitable. A constant breeze from the Atlantic Ocean and the proximity of the Gulf Stream render the climate equable and delightful. Frost never reaches here. During the winter of 1895, when the northern and middle portions of the peninsula of Florida suffered from the frost, the lowest emperature at Key West was 54 degrees. Such a thing as artificial heat is unknown, except for cooking purposes. The capacious wharves of the city are daily lined with vessels of every nation, and the commodities of the world find an exchange here. The importance of Key West, as one of the greatest commercial centres of the country, is assured by its geographical position, and with the completion of the Nicaragua Canal it will occupy a still more prominent position in the commercial world.

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Interesting Books

Regarding the EAST COAST OF FLORIDA
for sale at all Florida East Coast
Hotel System News-Stands.

"IN BISCAYNE BAY."

By Caroline Washburn Rockwood.

"EAST FLORIDA ROMANCES."

By Caroline Washburn Rockwood.

"HUNTING AND FISHING IN FLORIDA."

By Charles B. Corey.

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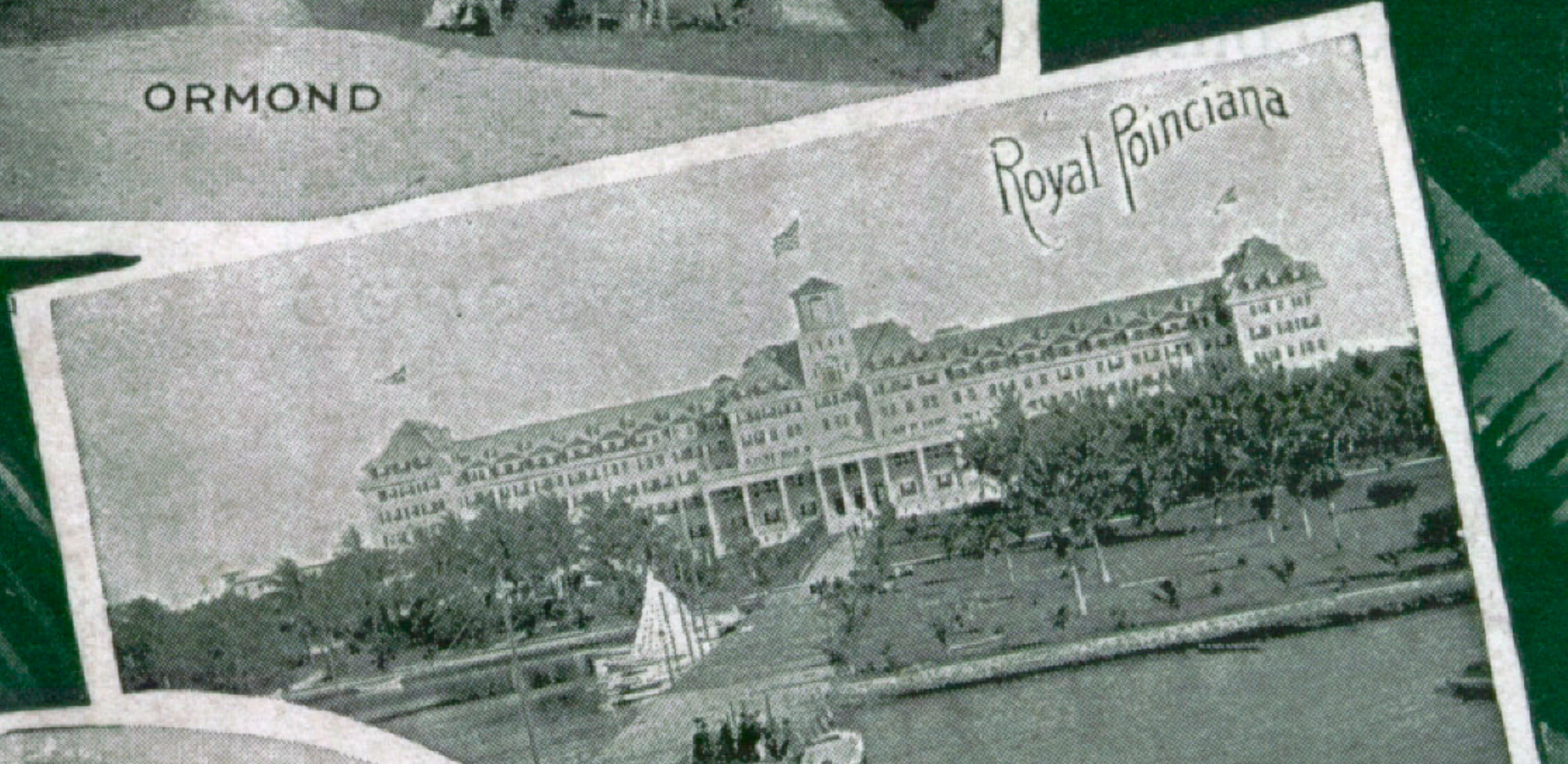
Royal Poinciana

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